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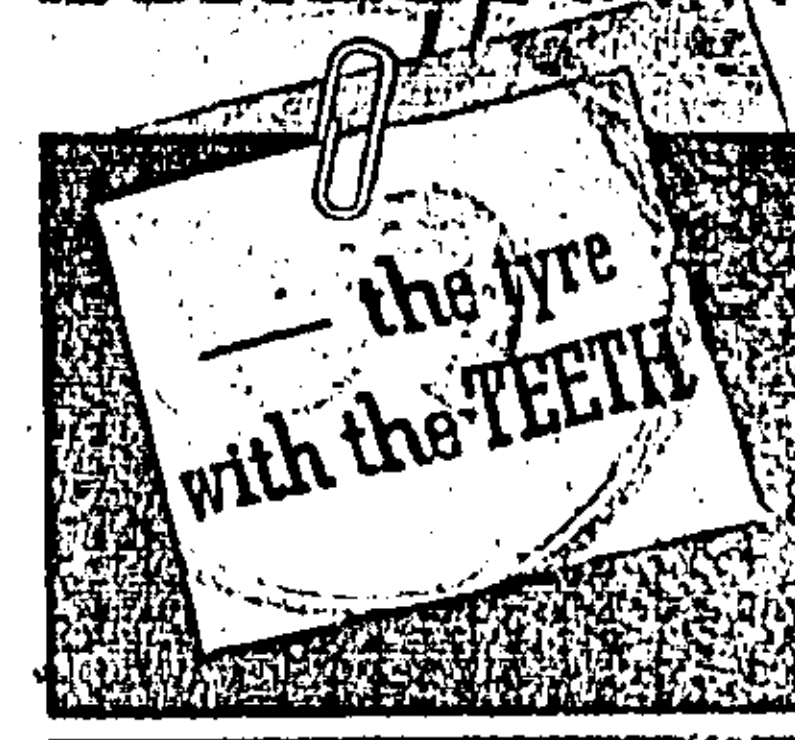
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Heavy Air Raids On Helsingfors But Few Casualties

STALIN'S BIRTHDAY GIFT TO FINLAND WAS BOMBS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, DEC. 21 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED THAT RED PLANES, IN A BRIGHT BLUE SKY, ROARED IN THREE WAVES ALONG THE SOUTH COAST, STRAFED TWO TRAINS AND BOMBED THE PRINCIPAL CITIES INCLUDING THE HELSINGFORS HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

However, Finnish Army officials reported they marked Stalin's birthday by repulsing powerful new attacks on the Karelian Isthmus and pressing their counter-offensive on the east front and regaining some lost ground in the far north.

Officially, more than 30 bombs dropped within the city limits of Helsingfors, some of which damaged an emergency Red Cross station, the Nurses' Dormitory and a hospital building containing a children's play room, an operating room and several other structures in the hospital zone, most of which had been previously evacuated.

AIR BATTLE OVER UTRECHT

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—A hundred people in the streets watched an air battle fought over Utrecht to-day between Dutch and foreign planes. The nationality of the foreign planes is not yet disclosed. The foreign machines finally put out a smoke-screen and disappeared. London Has No Knowledge LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—It is learned that the Air Ministry has no knowledge of the reported air battle over Holland.

British Tributes To Capt. Langsdorff

REDEEMED HIMSELF

Suicide As Protest Of Whole Nazi Navy

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—The British Press to-day devoted the bulk of its comments to the suicide of Captain Langsdorff, drawing conclusions from it as to Hitler's notion of sea warfare.

The "Times" pays tribute to Capt. Langsdorff as a seaman and says that it is a tragedy that such men to-day cannot serve their country save in the livery of a master, whom in their hearts they must despise.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that Capt. Langsdorff has proved that he feared nothing but dishonour. He could not endure the ignominy which Hitler imposed on him and he redeemed himself.

Ruthless Terrorism. Discussing the attacks on defenceless fishing craft by Nazi planes, the paper says that this is an equal tribute to Hitler's methods.

Slaughter of this kind is not an operation of war but ruthless terrorism. All the worst tactics of the old German Reich have been taken over by Hitler as a going concern.

Few Lines Obituary

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—German newspapers give only a few lines to the death of Capt. Langsdorff, although two weeks ago he was being hailed as a great naval victor. The main reference to his suicide has come not from the usual official

Officials said they had not been informed of reports that several of the raiders had been brought down, but said two persons had been killed in Helsingfors and three were killed elsewhere. Five bombs were dropped in one small village near the capital and six more in another small village nearby. During the last of four alarms, planes were heard over the capital and stations. All trains were stopped but no bombs fell. One bomb in Helsingfors pierced three floors of a five story dwelling but did not explode. Fifteen houses were set afire and ten demolished at Abo, while two were set afire at Tammerfors, both places on the south coast. It is feared the casualties were high in both towns. Ten bombs were dropped on Hangö Island, 12 on the hill or in the river-grounds of Hangö and 12 in the nearby town of Lappvik.

Cold Aids Finns

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—Soviet planes to-day raided Helsingfors. The cold weather is being maintained and the Finns, who are better equipped to meet it, hope that the temperature will drop even lower, especially as it is reported that most of the Soviet troops come from central and southern Russia.

54 Degrees Of Frost

In the Far North, it is not so cold as on the previous day when 54 degrees of frost was experienced. It has stopped snowing. In this area, the Finns claim to have made a valuable bombing raid, using the seven Soviet planes whose pilots had surrendered rather than fight the Finns.

They bombed one Murmansk-Leningrad Railway, the main route of supply to the Russians on the Polar front. On the central front, where the Soviets are trying to cut through to the Gulf of Bothnia, neutral correspondents have been able to verify reports of a big Finnish victory after several days of fighting. At one place, they saw the remains of a Russian camp which was wiped out on Tuesday night when the Finns came through the forests and down the slopes on their skis, and picked off the Soviets as they stood there. It was so cold that none of the wounded survived. The frozen bodies of Soviet troops were too numerous to count, neutral observers report.

Hospitals Bombed

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—It is now learned that three hospitals were hit in the raid this afternoon, namely the Orthopaedic, Sisters of Mercy and the Blind School.

Thirty high-explosive bombs were dropped by 12 planes. Two of these planes are reported to have been shot down. There were very few casualties. Bombs were also dropped near a military hospital and a Red Cross dressing station.

South Coast Towns Raided

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—Soviet warplanes raided towns all along Finland's south coast, from Borgu, 30 miles east of Helsingfors, to Abo, 100 miles west of the capital, dropping about 60 bombs. 30 of

which were rained on Helsingfors and its suburbs. Returning from Helsingfors to Abo, the Russian planes swooped down on an express train and raked it with machine-gun fire. Two people were reported killed and two wounded. A second train was similarly attacked but there were no casualties. Two separate raids occurred at Helsingfors and its suburbs. When the Orthopaedic Hospital was hit, an operation was in progress.

Karelian Isthmus Fighting. HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—A communique issued to-day states that in the Karelian Isthmus enemy attacks continued. Russians have suffered many losses and have made no progress. Eight Soviet tanks were destroyed. The Finns bombed Russian rear-guard detachments, inflicting heavy casualties. On the north-east front, the Finnish advance towards Salla has continued. Enemy aircraft continued their attacks yesterday, mostly being repulsed.

The Finns brought down six planes but 23 civilians, including women and children, were killed. Telephones Discontinued. AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—Telephone communication with Helsingfors was completely cut this afternoon.

RUSSIA'S BLUNDER

Committed To A Losing War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—Events are proving that Russia did not intend to commit herself to a major campaign in Finland, states "Reuters" military correspondent.

The invasion was apparently conceived by the Soviet Staff as a "walk-over," but it has failed already owing to the inadequacy of initial preparations.

Many of the tanks which fell into the hands of the Finns have run completely out of fuel.

The weather has now come to the aid of the Finns and both sides find land operations in the heavy snow impossible.

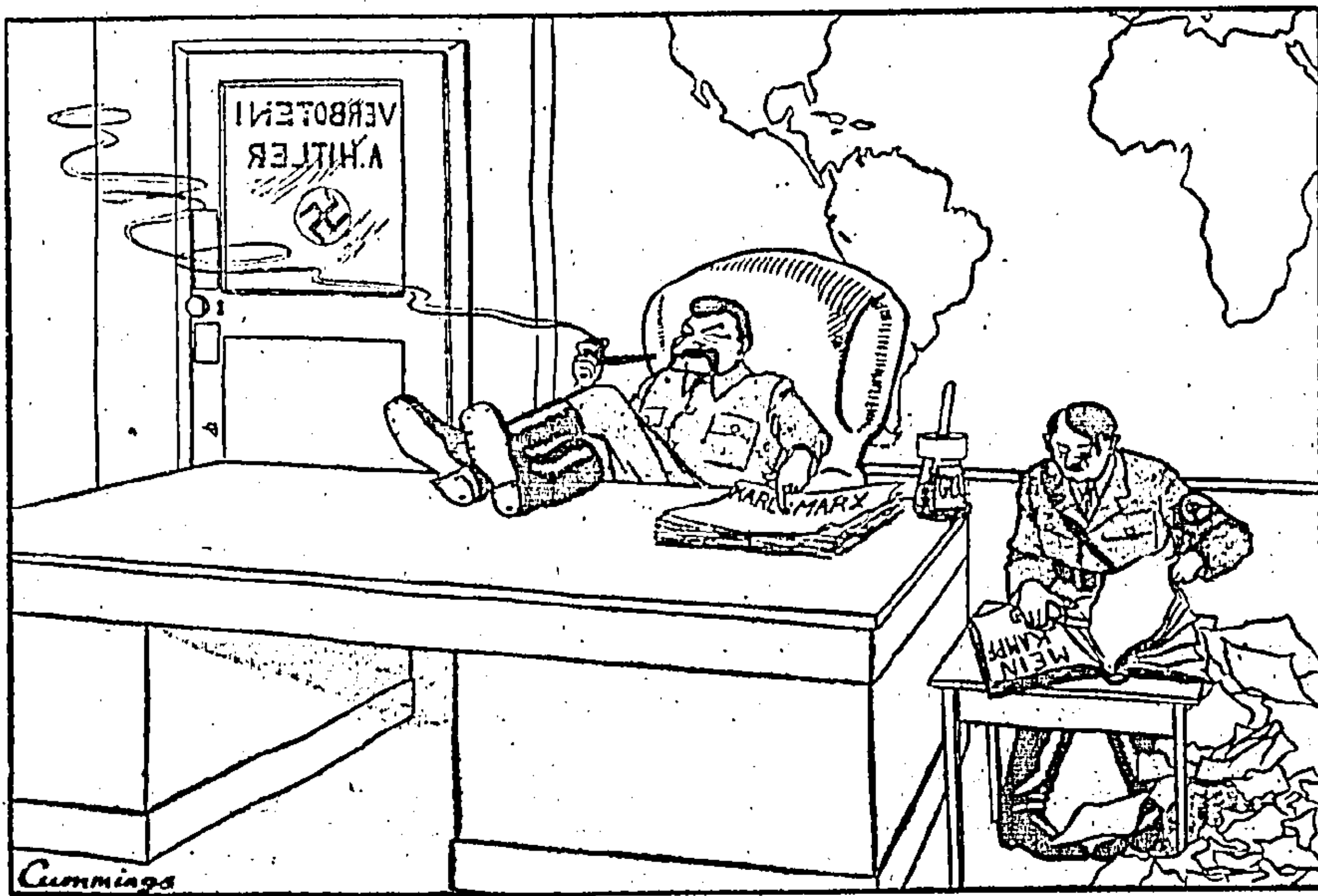
Delay Will Aid Finns. The "wasp waist" drive towards the Gulf of Bothnia seems likely to be held up until the snows melt in the spring.

The operation against the Mannerheim Line is likely to be spasmodic, while in the extreme north, owing to the intense cold, it is unlikely that there will be any further developments.

Delay will be in Finland's favour. Reinforcements in money and material at least will be forthcoming and some proportion of her troops may be able to rest and re-organise.

Danish Diplomatic Appointments. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that the Government has "deemed it opportune in the present circumstances" to appoint naval attaches to the Legations in London and Berlin.

Revising for the New Edition



Remarkable Revelations Of Nazi War Guilt In Yellow Paper

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—An official Yellow Book dealing with international events from the end of September, 1938, to the beginning of the war was published to-day.

U.S. SHIPS FOR EAST

New Service To H.K. Projected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SINGAPORE, Dec. 21 (UP).—Beginning what is believed likely to be a growing tendency to divert American ships to the Far East, it was announced to-day that the City of Newport News, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Norfolk and the City of San Francisco, formerly of the United States Lines, will in future be operated by the American President Line between Singapore and New York via Manila, Los Angeles and the Panama Canal.

The Admiral V. H. Williams, which has been chartered by the President Line, sailed for the United States to-day.

To Call At Hongkong. NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (UP).—The American President Line to-day stated that they have leased the bottom only for Far Eastern runs. The United States Lines will retain operation during the coastwise circuit.

Transit through the Canal Zone will be monthly instead of weekly. The ships will call at Hongkong and Penang in addition to the ports mentioned in the above report.

Roosevelt Losing Trusty Servant

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—It has been authoritatively stated that Under Secretary of the United States Treasury, Mr. John W. Hay, is planning to resign early in 1940. Mr. Hay is desirous of returning to private business, but he will not return to Wall Street where he was a broker when President Roosevelt summoned him to office in December 1937.

Russians Mowed Down In Thousands

Story Of Awful Carnage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21 (UP).—"I have just returned from the North Salla battlefield after threading my way through thousands of dead, both Russians and Finns, lying in long, silent rows for several kilometres."

This is the dramatic lead in an eye-witness story, one of the first to come from the battle area, by the War Correspondent of the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter". The correspondent adds that it is impossible to bury the dead, whose bodies lie frozen in the snow.

Moved Down In Thousands

"Russian cavalry and infantry have been moved down by thousands by the terribly efficient fire of Finnish machine-guns. "Even the Finns themselves are surprised at the mass slaughter they have inflicted. "Near two Russian ammunition dumps which have been captured by the Finns I saw the lone corpse of a Russian soldier slumped over a sowing machine. The Russian had been mending uniforms when he was killed. "Nearby stands an overturned truck. A Russian baker lies beside it under a heap of bread which it was carrying when it was struck by a Finnish shell.

Tried To Hide In Snow

"Many Russians tried to hide themselves in the snow when they were PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LATEST

WESTERN FRONT

NEW NAZI TACTICS

Tip-And-Run Methods Being Adopted

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—On the Western Front, the Germans have renewed their patrol activity, particularly in the Saar region.

New tactics consist of tip-and-run raids conducted by parties of from 30 to 100 men. No attempt is made to seize new positions, but there has been some heavy fighting between French and German infantry, and skirmishes are frequently ending in hand-grenade duels.

Recrudescence Of Activity

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—A communique issued to-day says that there was a marked recrudescence of activity in the air over Lorraine and Alsace.

H.K. Commander Decorated

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—The King to-day decorated the commander and other members of the crew of the submarine Salmon, which last week carried out one of the most brilliant submarine exploits of this war and the last. Lieut.-Commander E. O. B. Blekford, the commanding officer, who was formerly attached to the China Station, serving in H.M.S. Odin, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and promoted to the rank of Commander. It will be recalled that the Salmon first sank a U-boat and then torpedoed two German cruisers, the Leipzig and the Bluecher.

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CHRISTMAS PUDDING AS HEAVY AS THREE MEN

The Christmas pudding made at the Hongkong Hotel weighs 424 lbs., or as much as three average men!

Its recipe is as follows: 260 eggs, 45 lbs. of raisins, 26 lbs. of currants, 21 lbs. of lemon skin, 30 lbs. of white bread crumbs, 10 lbs. of flour, six bottles of spices, six bottles of brandy, four bottles of rum and 30 lbs. of sugar. For the special dinner on Sunday night 600 Palestine grape-fruits will be served, 45 gallons of turtle soup, 710 lbs. of sole, 230 lbs. of Argentine fillet beef, 320 lbs. of Australian turkey, 445 lbs. saddle of New Zealand lamb, 450 chicken squab, and for the sweets 14 bottles of cherry brandy will be used. The scullery staff and washing machines will work overtime as 948 pieces of silver plate, 9,800 pieces of cutlery and 7,000 plates will be used. At the three special dinners on Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve it is expected 2,000 diners will be served. Supervising these vast quantities of food is the tall Swiss chef, Leopold Gaddi, who has personally attended to the epicurean wants of such celebrities as the Duke of Windsor, Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks and a host of others. Leopold served his apprenticeship at the famous Grand Hotel, and in Bern, Overman, the famous winter, and summer, resort. After 3½ years he passed his Diploma of PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

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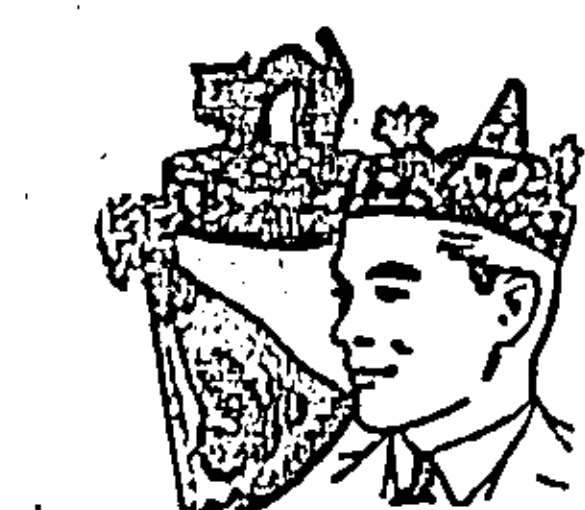
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LACK OF PETROL PARALYSES NAZIS

DUTCH-GERMAN FRONTIER.—Germany is paralysed by lack of petrol. The shortage grows more serious daily, and experts have told Hitler that unless supplies are quickly found defeat will be inevitable and swift if war begins on a large scale.

This information was given in to-day by a neutral oil official intimately associated with Germany. He has just returned from a visit there where he had interviews with leaders of all the defence forces, says a Correspondent.

He showed me figures which prove that Germany's huge mechanized army is almost immobilized by a rationing scheme. Large numbers of bombers are grounded.

"When the campaign really starts," said my informant, "Germany will be without petrol in two months."

The mechanized army is using four times as much fuel as was calculated, and, owing to action of the British Navy, the submarine fleet is using twice as much as was counted on.

This—not humanitarianism—is the reason for our immunity from large scale air attacks on cities.

No supplies from the Polish oilfields can be expected for at least twelve months, owing to the destruction by retreating Polish troops. No great help can be expected from Russia.

Even with the Allies playing a waiting game, Germany is using twice as much petrol as in peacetime and is receiving only one-third of her usual supplies.

British Ports Censorship

(By A Correspondent)

A CHANNEL PORT. THERE have been bitter complaints by travellers about the seizure at British ports of newspapers and books by Customs authorities.

The strangest fact of all is that the seized literature is sent to the Chief Censor at Liverpool, of all places.

Mr. H. N. Robertson, of Wrotham, Kent, in the "Times", describes what happened as he crossed the Channel to France and returned.

On the voyage Customs officials discovered in his suitcase "an ordinary 7s. 6d. English novel, published in London and purchased there some weeks ago. This contraband was eagerly seized upon, to be forwarded, I was informed, to the Chief Censor, at Liverpool, of whom any inquiries might be made."

Typescript Overlooked

His brief-case, containing eight or nine pounds of typewritten documents, was overlooked. He complains that "not even P. G. Wodehouse nor, indeed, the Book itself is exempt from such blind and pompous folly of inflated functions."

I watched the arrival here of a Channel boat and the Customs examination. I interviewed a dozen or more of the 20 or 30 passengers. From none could I extract complaints about the seizure of their books or papers.

On the other hand, I have heard of the seizure of a foreign student's text-books, which were sent to the Chief Censor at Liverpool, who by all accounts must be accumulating a vast store of modern English fiction.

There have been some "strange anomalies. The sale of English newspapers on the boats leaving here has now been stopped, though they can be bought in French towns. No official comment could be given, nor any explanation of why piles of literature are being sent to Liverpool. But I gather that greater discretion is now allowed to examiners to pass the light reading of some British subjects.

He Lives On Lightning

Irving A. Moon, of San Francisco, has the world's strangest Sunday job. Every Sunday morning he walks through the city to the grounds where the \$10,000,000 Golden Gate International Exposition is being held and has 1,000,000 volts passed through his body.

Large audiences watch him as flames shoot from the tips of his fingers. He holds a stick in his right hand which is buried to a cinch.

The theme of Irving's show is "Sermons from Science." P.S.—Irving used to do it every day. But it got too much for him.

FREUD TRICKED NAZI

Kept \$22,000

PROFESSOR Sigmund Freud, world-famous founder of psycho-analysis—whom the Nazis plotted over as a "broken, bankrupt Jew" when he sought refuge in England last year—tricked them of a fortune. It is announced that he had left \$22,850.

The story was told me by Dr. Jean Martin Freud, one of his sons, says a "Daily Mail" Reporter.

"They thought they had got all my father's fortune," he said, "but they were wrong. They stole about half of it."

"But the other half?—my father managed to keep that out of their clutches; he was too clever."

"Family Secret"

"I cannot tell you exactly how he did it or where the money was hidden. It is a family secret. But one day, perhaps, I may tell it, and it will make an interesting story."

I understand that Freud spent his last days writing a scathing exposure of Nazi persecution founded on his personal experiences in Vienna.

England gave refuge to the brilliant 82-year-old scientist until he died peacefully in September at his home at Maresfield-gardens, Hampstead, N.W.

Freud made a family will with no bequests to any scientific institutions. To his daughter, Anna, he left his collection of antiques and books on psychology and psycho-analysis, and to his grandchildren after they were 21, he bequeathed the royalties on his copyrights.

SERVICE OF CAROLS
Hongkong Union Church
On Sunday Night
Evening Service at the Hongkong Union Church on Sunday will take the form of a Christmas musical service of hymns and carols. There will be no address. Soloists include, Mrs. Doris Blair, Mrs. Helen Lockhart, Mrs. I. Moran (cello), Mr. Gaston d'Aquino and Mr. V. Sanders. Mr. Longyear will be at the organ.

Included in the programme are the solos, "O Leave your Sheep", "A Star of the East", "From Heart to Heart", "Cradle Song", "Crown of Roses", "Quarrelles are", "Sussex Carol", "Holly and the Joy", "Nativity", "Cradle Song", "Our Brother is Born", "How Beautiful upon the Mountains", and "Peaceful Night; on the cello, "Berceuse" and "Caro Mio Ben"; and on the organ, "The Question", and "The Answer."

Union Church offers a very cordial invitation to all who are interested to attend this service, which will take place at 8 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME
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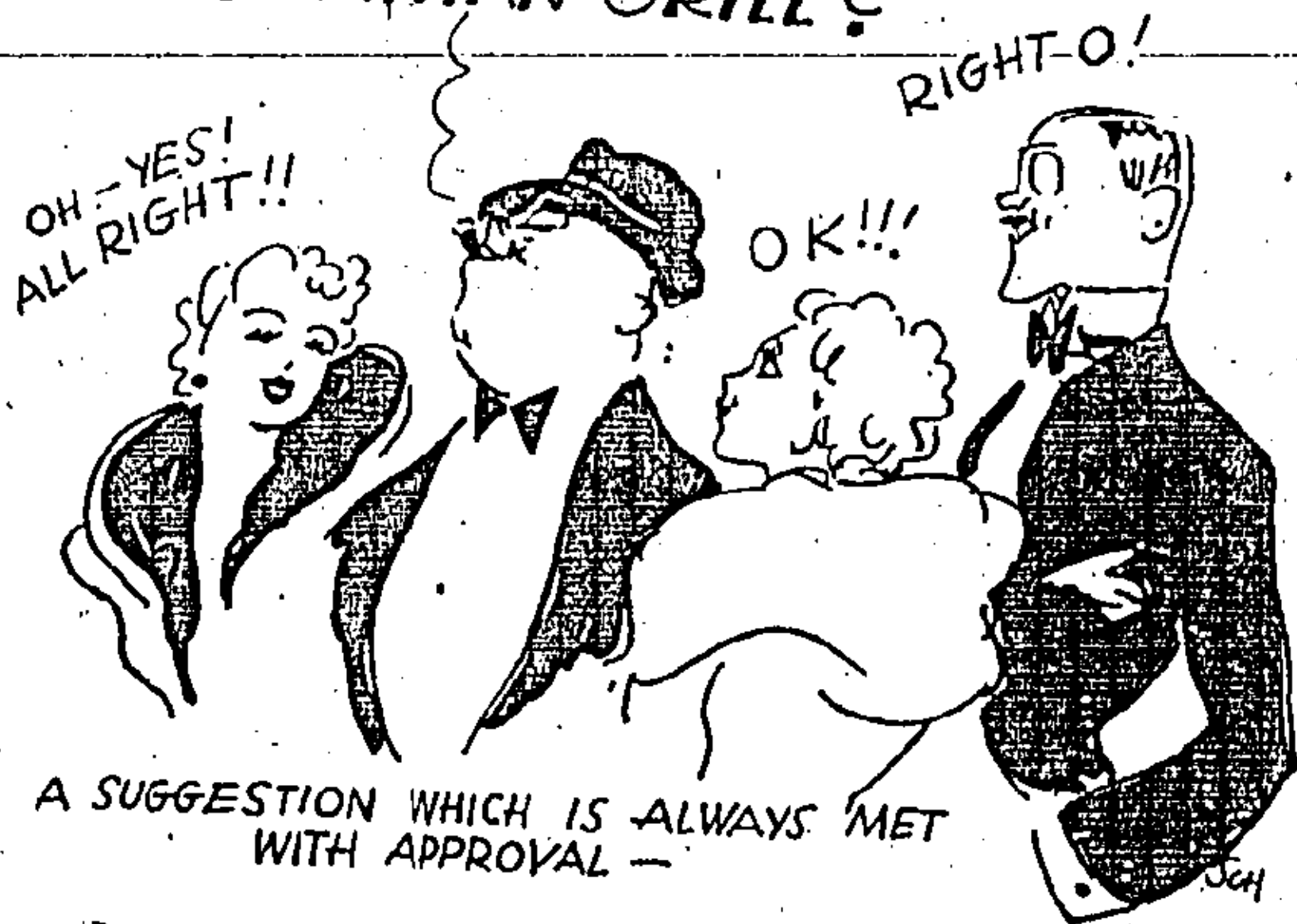
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Nell Gwynne Relics For Sale

THE receipt for the garters which encircled the limbs which enchanted a King—it sounds like the House that Jack Built, but it is actually a lot in the sale Sotheby's held on December 20 of the Crofton Croker Collection of Nell Gwynne relics.

Many of the lots are pictures of the great courtesan. Several show Nell with a lamb, some with her children. There were also pictures of Nell's rivals in the affections of the King: Barbara Villiers Castlemaine, Duchess of Cleveland (spelled Cleveland) and Louise (spelled Louise) de Queroualle, "Duchesse" of Portsmouth.

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The rest of the collection consists of documents; a warrant to pay Nell one quarter's pension—£1,250—she drew £5,000 a year—signed by Clarendon; a warrant to pay £250 to her out of excise money; a receipt made out to her for a miniature of Charles II; a bill signed and receipted by her; bills for clothes, for a Sedan chair, a bed and other furniture; a receipt for £10 for painting and gilding her chariot; and, of course, the receipt for the 12s. pair of rich embroidered garters.

Tiniest Tube Exhibited

NEW YORK (U.P.)—The world's tiniest metal tube—with an outside diameter of 20/10,000 of an inch and an inside diameter of 7/10,000 of an inch—is on display at the New York World's Fair. The tube is made of pure nickel.

BEHIND THE NEWS

HITLER FINDS THAT STALIN IS WORSE THAN OLIVER TWIST!

Stalin, not content with getting his strategic positions in the Baltic, is now pressing Hitler for preferential rights of passage through the Kiel Canal to the North Sea.

Reason given is that indiscriminate sowing of Nazi mines in the Kattegat is endangering Soviet ships. Real reason—Stalin now sees his chance to take the first step in making Kiel an international waterway providing a cheap outlet for Russian Baltic trade.

This demand is one reason for the furor now going on behind closed doors in the Wilhelmstrasse. Admiral Raeder, Navy Chief, and his staff are revolting.

Ex-King Alfonso has at last made friends with General Franco and his Falange (Fascist) Government for the sake of his son Prince Juan. Franco

has accepted his recognition because internal troubles in Spain are becoming threatening.

Franco recently instructed his Ambassador in Italy to offer a "test invitation" to Alfonso to attend a celebration in Rome to Primo de Rivera, Falange Party founder. Alfonso accepted.

Afterwards he met the Spanish Embassy staff, Count Ciano, and the leaders of the Italian Fascist Party. Prince Juan was present. Franco intends to revive the Monarchy if conditions in Spain reach a state that make it necessary.

At the request of Count Czaky, Hungary's Minister in Moscow has asked for an explanation of the concentration of Russian troops on her Ruthenian frontier. The reply was that Russia intended to prevent German plans against Rumania from maturing.



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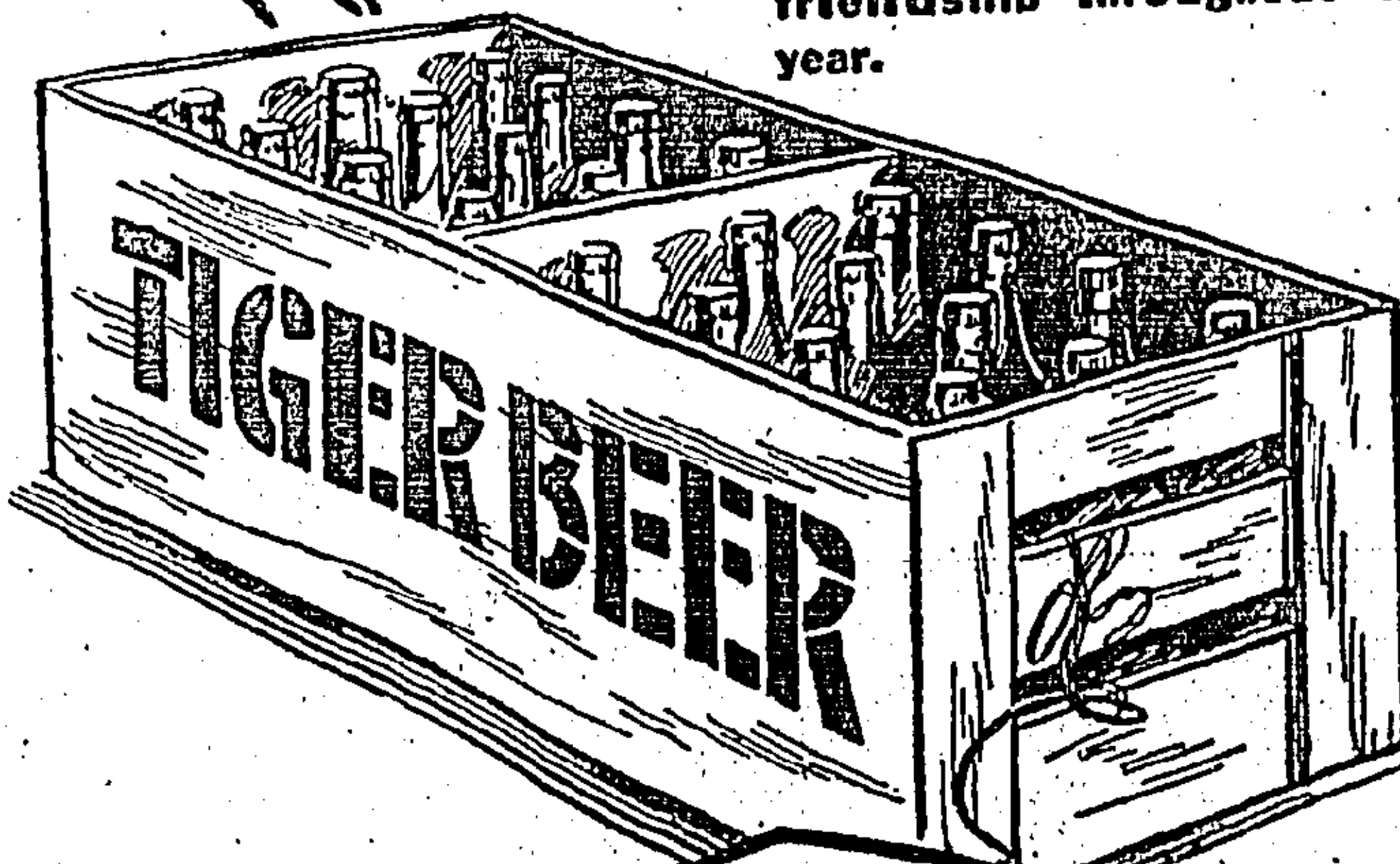
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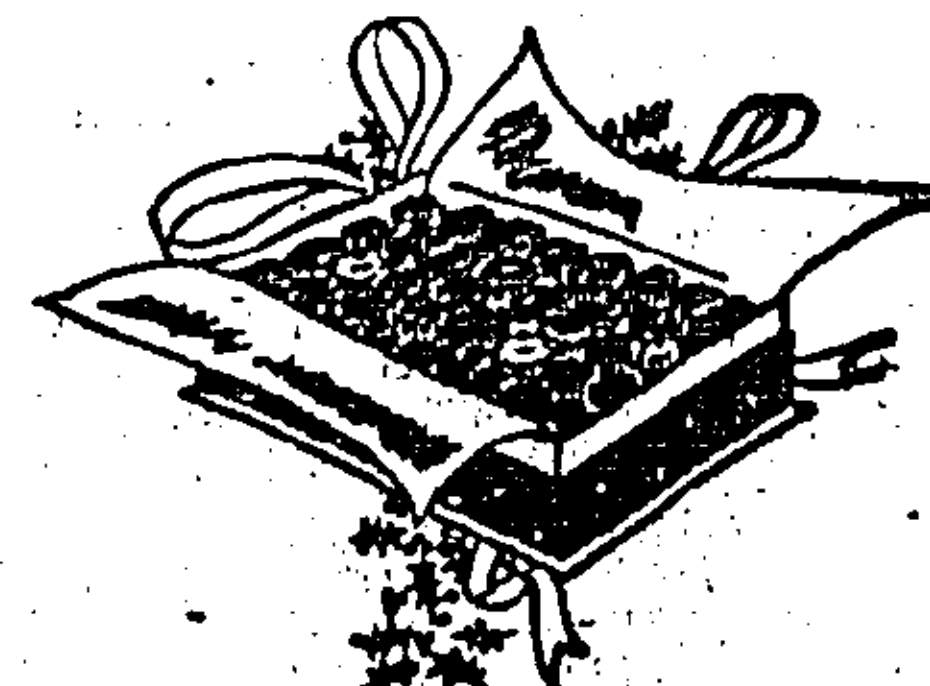
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LETTERS

Americanisms

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph".

Sir,—In his Castigation of local newspapers alleged use of Americanisms, your correspondent "Briton" makes use of the phrase "what-have-you?"—Surely an Americanism if there ever was one.

I suggest that "Briton" might, with advantage, take a minute or two from his newspaper reading and look up Luke VI Verses 41 and 42.

ALSO A "LIMEY".

Sir,—With reference to your explanation concerning the use of the word "Billion" I wonder how you explain the expression "Milliard", which is commonly used on the Continent of Europe, not only in France, from which this word probably also originates, when one wishes to denominate one thousand millions.

Perhaps other readers would be interested.

"ALL MIXED UP."

(Both "Billion" and "Milliard" are derived from France, where they are synonymous for thousand million. It should be explained that the archaic meaning of "Billion" in France was the meaning to which England has adhered—one million million. France now adheres to the more modern meaning of thousand million. "Milliard" is derived from the metric prefix "mille"—one thousand.—Ed.)

DOCKERS CHEER THE URSULA

Gallant Men Given
Special Leave

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Dockyard workers cheered and naval ratings lined the rails of a submarine supply ship to give a tremendous welcome to the submarine, Ursula, when she sailed into harbour after her great feat of sinking a German cruiser of the Roon class at the mouth of the River Elbe.

After the Ursula had docked and the bearded members of her crew had posed for newspaper cameramen, the news came that all had been granted special Christmas leave in recognition of their service.

Within a few hours, all had caught trains to their homes.

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It is hereby notified that the following licences and permits are due for renewal on the 1st January, 1940:—

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 - (2) Private Chair and Driver Licences.
 - (3) Tricycle and Driver Licences.
 - (4) Public Motor Vehicle Licences.
 - (5) Motor Vehicle Permits.
- Before relicensing, tricycles must be taken for inspection to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, or Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station, Kowloon, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon between January 2 and January 24, 1940.

T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.
22nd December, 1939.
Hong Kong.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 25th and 26th December, 1939. (Christmas Holidays).
Hongkong, 21st December, 1939.

DRAMATIC RESCUE

Swedes Saved In Ocean Gale

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The story of how co-operation between British planes and a destroyer saved six survivors of a torpedoed Swedish ship in the North Sea was told in London today.

An R.A.F. plane on coastal patrol sighted a small craft with six Swedes on it. It immediately signalled the news to its base and another plane was sent out to keep in contact with the raft.

The Admiralty meanwhile sent out a destroyer.
Thanks to a fierce gale blowing at the time, the raft was driven far from its original position and the rescue plane had to carry out a wide search for it.
Guided by flares, the destroyer picked the men up after swimming full speed for 100 miles or so.

REDEEMED HIMSELF

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Nazi sources but from the High Command of the German Navy.
In a statement, the High Command said that Capt. Langsdorff did not wish to survive the sinking of his ship and took his decision in accordance with the traditions of the Officers' Corps, to which he had belonged for almost three decades.

"The Navy understands and esteems his action," the statement concluded.
The Nazi Press also shows great reserve in reporting the scuttling of the Columbus.

British Captain At Funeral
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Among those attending the funeral of Captain Langsdorff this afternoon was Captain Pottinger, of the British steamer Ashby, who was one of the Graf Spee's prisoners.

The British Mission to Seamen sent a wreath.
It is now learned that on Tuesday, Captain Langsdorff had a long talk with his officers. Certain remarks he then made took his decision in accordance with the traditions of the Officers' Corps, to which he had belonged for almost three decades.

Many Argentine newspapers take the view that Capt. Langsdorff's suicide was a protest against Hitler's order to scuttle his ship while she was still capable of doing some damage.

Hitler Criticized
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (UP).—There are persistent but unconfirmed rumours here that Captain Langsdorff's last letter to the German Embassy strongly criticized Hitler's order to sink the Admiral Graf Spee instead of facing the enemy.

The Embassy has declined to make the contents of the letter known to the public and has denied the rumours.
Argentina has accorded the deceased Captain a hero's honour. The Argentine Navy provided a guard of honour and a battalion of marines were detailed to perform full military honours at the burial service.
The coffin was lowered covered with flowers.

Another Possibility
LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The scuttling policy is possibly also due to an expectation that Germany's methods may again bring neutrals into the war against her.

Uruguay might justifiably seize the interned merchantships to compensate for the damage done by the scuttled Graf Spee at Montevideo Harbour.
The sea-bottom, therefore, is the safest place for them.

5,500 TRAINS FOR TROOPS AND MUNITIONS

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A new type of railway wagon called "lowfit wagon" has been developed for the transport of gas cylinders for the balloon barrage.

Lorries with these cylinders are a familiar sight on Britain's roads to-day and they will now be able to run directly on to waggon, saving a great deal of loading and unloading.

It was learned to-day that 5,500 special troop and munition trains were run by the British railways during the first three months of the war.

TO FIGHT TYPHUS IN FINLAND

Roosevelt Appoints Two Experts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—President Roosevelt has ordered two United States Public Health experts to direct and aid in the fight against typhus in Finland.

He has directed Senior Surgeon H. A. Spencer, who is in Paris, and Senior Surgeon Vance B. Murray, who is in Berlin to proceed to Finland and to co-operate with the American Red Cross.

Years Of Experience

Both men are experts in the prevention treatment of typhus. Dr. Spencer has had 20 years of experience both here and in Europe, while Dr. Murray has had long experience in the Philippines and Japan. He also directed the Quarantine Stations at Shanghai, Alaska and at South American ports.

Typical Of Nazis

Polish Professors Duped, Maltreated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Polish Ambassador has received resolutions from most British universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and St. Andrews, expressing indignation at the German treatment of the professorial staff of Cracow University and sympathy with the peoples of Poland.

It is stated that Cracow University professors attended a conference to hear a German professor explain the German attitude.

A number of lorries were already waiting at the front of the University.

The whole teaching staff, including many septuagenarians, were arrested, severely man-handled and sent to a concentration camp in Germany.

REMARKABLE REVELATIONS OF NAZI WAR GUILT IN YELLOW PAPER

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Poland. It was intended to induce the former to sign a military alliance and the latter to agree to the concessions demanded.

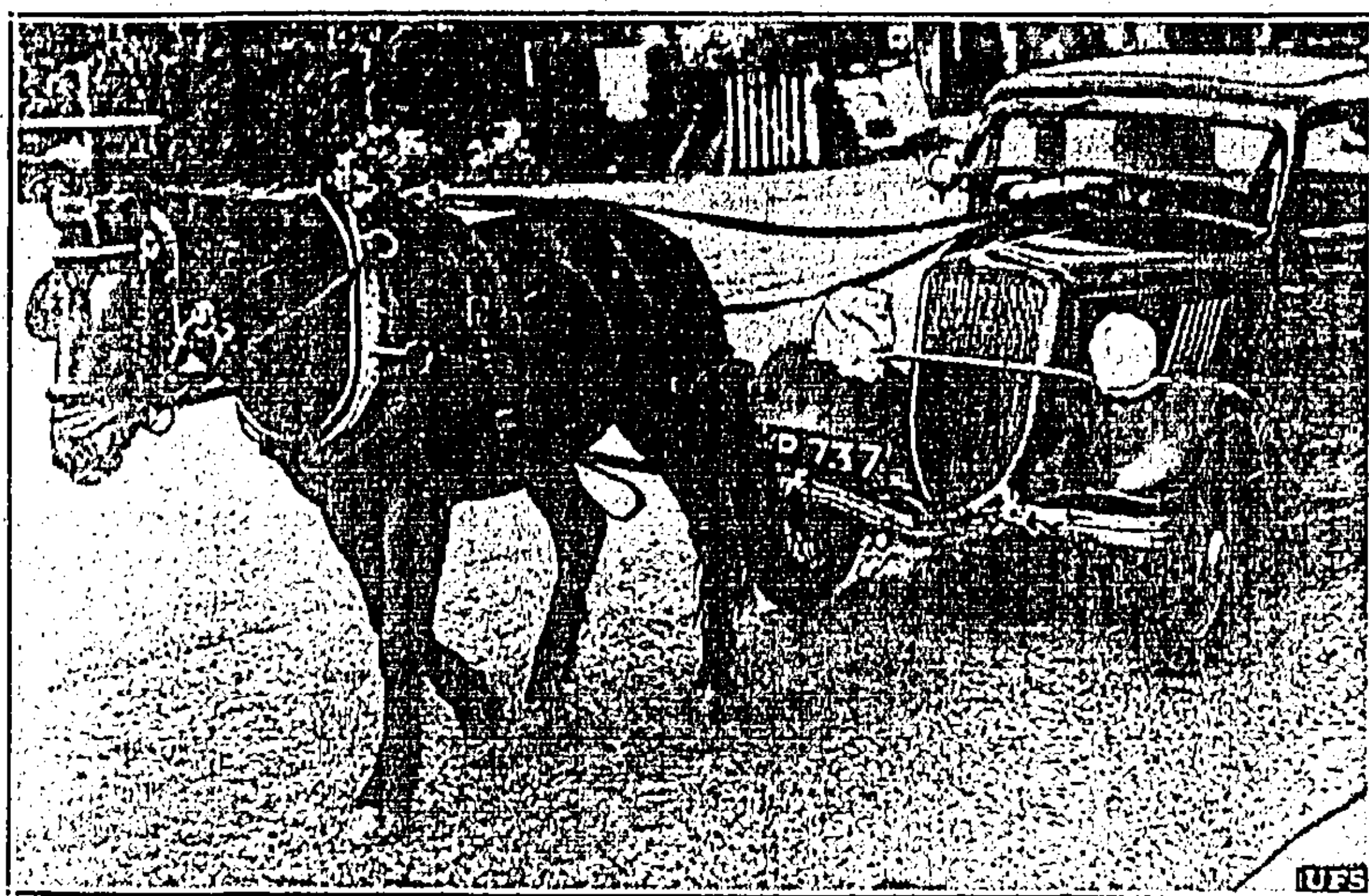
Diplomatic Manoeuvre
"Thirdly, by inducing the Western Powers, threatened with German and Russian collusion, to accept certain Soviet demands to which Poland and Rumania would be opposed and thus split the Allies' hand."

Declaring it uncertain whether Hitler was planning a real understanding with the Soviet or merely a diplomatic manoeuvre, M. Coulondre said that he was inclined to support the latter hypothesis because in his own view and that of his party, it was difficult for Hitler to enter a collusion with the Soviet while completely neglecting the fact that not only his internal policy but also the National Socialists' policy was built up upon anti-Bolshevist ideology.

Huge Bacon Orders For Canada

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Food will purchase from Canada an average weekly supply of 25,000,000 of bacon and ham, according to an agreement reached by English and Canadian authorities.



With gasoline rationing in force in England, a greengrocer in Westwood still operates his delivery car, but he impresses Old Dobbin into service as the motive power. Note the shaded headlights, as a blackout measure. Picture passed by British censor.

Nazis Over Belgium Government Lodge A Protest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Government has protested to Germany against the flights of German planes over Belgium.

It is officially stated that Belgian fighters and A.A. batteries drove off foreign planes which flew over various parts of the country to-day. The encounters occurred in the provinces of Luxembourg and Liege, while at Bruges a German plane, which was engaged by a Belgian patrol, opened fire without effect.

Stalin's 60th Birthday

Press Waxes Poetical

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Soviet Press contained no news of the operations in Finland to-day but devoted large tracts of space to Stalin's 60th birthday.

They grow quite poetic about him, speaking in lyrical terms of his wisdom, ability and loveliness. "It is interesting to note in connection with the decoration of the Order of Lenin, the highest order in Soviet Russia which has been bestowed on Stalin, that the last recipient was the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop."

HORE-BELISHA'S WARM PRAISE

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—

Following his visit to "Hore-Belisha Palace," the camp in England of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha spoke warmly of the discipline and efficiency of the Canadian troops.

"When one sees these men one has no doubt about the result of the war," said the War Minister.

"I think they are quite unbeatable. I don't think any finer body of men has ever crossed the ocean."

CHRISTMAS PUDDING AS HEAVY AS THREE MEN

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This dinner given by a Hongkong resident for a party of 30 cost \$3,000.

NEW ALL-INDIA CONGRESS EDICT

WARDHA, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The

Working Committee of the All-India National Congress has decided that Congress members should continue to abstain from attending the Central Legislature except so far as this is necessary to retain Party seats.

WE CAN EVEN BEAT THE NAZIS AT WEATHER FORECASTING!

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A special commentary states

that the meteorological conditions at this season give Britain and France a considerable advantage over Germany.

The prevailing winds and the bulk of our weather come from the west. Information is gathered from North America, west coast of Ireland and sometimes from the Atlantic, and also from land and balloon observation in England and France, but Ger-

many also depends on the latter areas for knowledge of her own coming weather.

The Air Ministry, therefore, on the outbreak of war, cancelled the usual forecasts and weather became a guarded secret.

STORY OF AWFUL CARNAGE

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overwhelmed by the sudden Finnish advance. "They tried to dig in with their bare hands, but could not break the frozen surface."

One lies where he fell, his hands bleeding and discoloured the snow, and a bullet through his head. "From one of his pockets I took a letter which he had started to write home."

"Dear Papa—"
"His childish scrawl began: 'Dear Papa—'. The rest was blotted out by his blood."

Among all these bodies were spread in indescribable confusion hundreds of books and pamphlets written by and about Stalin, whose birthday to-day many of his soldiers will never celebrate.

"I talked to one Russian prisoner who had been captured after hiding himself in a forest for three days. He was the only survivor of a detail of twenty men. The others died of cold and hunger. "He was exhausted and the Finnish officer who captured him spared him the necessity of holding his hands in the air."

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POST OFFICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Monday, the 25th December, and Tuesday, the 26th December the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—

Monday, 25th December
General Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Kowloon Central Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Shuangwan Branch Post Office 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Tuesday, 26th December
G. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; K. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; Sheungwan 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Offices will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 25th and at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th.

The Branch Post Office at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards, bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. cents for 2 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mails are despatched 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 a.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" date, 15th Dec.—San Francisco, U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 22nd Nov.) Dec. 22. Australia and Manila Dec. 22. Haiphong Dec. 22. Saigon Dec. 22. Japan Dec. 22. London and Straits Dec. 22. Sandakan Dec. 22. Shanghai and Amoy Dec. 22. Calcutta and Straits Dec. 22. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th Dec.

Japan Dec. 24. Manila Dec. 24. Shanghai and Amoy Dec. 24. Haiphong Dec. 24. Saigon Dec. 24. Japan Dec. 24. London and Straits Dec. 24. Sandakan Dec. 24. Shanghai and Amoy Dec. 24. Calcutta and Straits Dec. 24. Japan Dec. 24. Shanghai and Formosa Dec. 24. Manila Dec. 24. Straits Dec. 24. Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 20th Dec.

Haiphong Dec. 27. Japan and Shanghai Dec. 27.

OUTWARD MAILS

Friday, Dec. 22
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th January 1940
K.P.O.
Reg. 2.45 p.m.
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Reg. 2.45 p.m.
Ord. 3.30 p.m.
Japan 4.30 p.m.
Manila 7.00 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Cebu, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 20th December.
K.P.O.
Reg. Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.

Reg. Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.
Shanghai 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard 10.30 a.m.
Saigon 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 31st December.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 23, 5.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 17th January 1940.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 23, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Amoy and Shanghai 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Tourane 9 a.m.
Haiphong 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 25
Haiphong 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 26
Shanghai 8.30 a.m.
Batavia and Sourabaya 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Marseilles, 24th January 1940.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. 11.15 a.m.
Ord. Noon.
Shanghai and Parcel only for Tientsin Noon.
Saigon, Mindanao, Salamaua, Rabaul and Tulagi Noon.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 3rd Jan.
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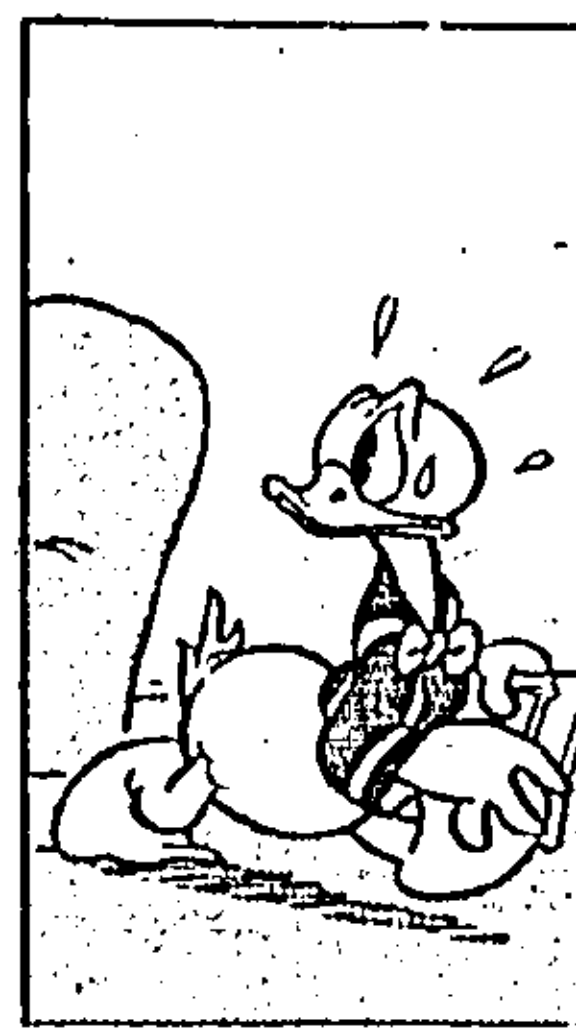
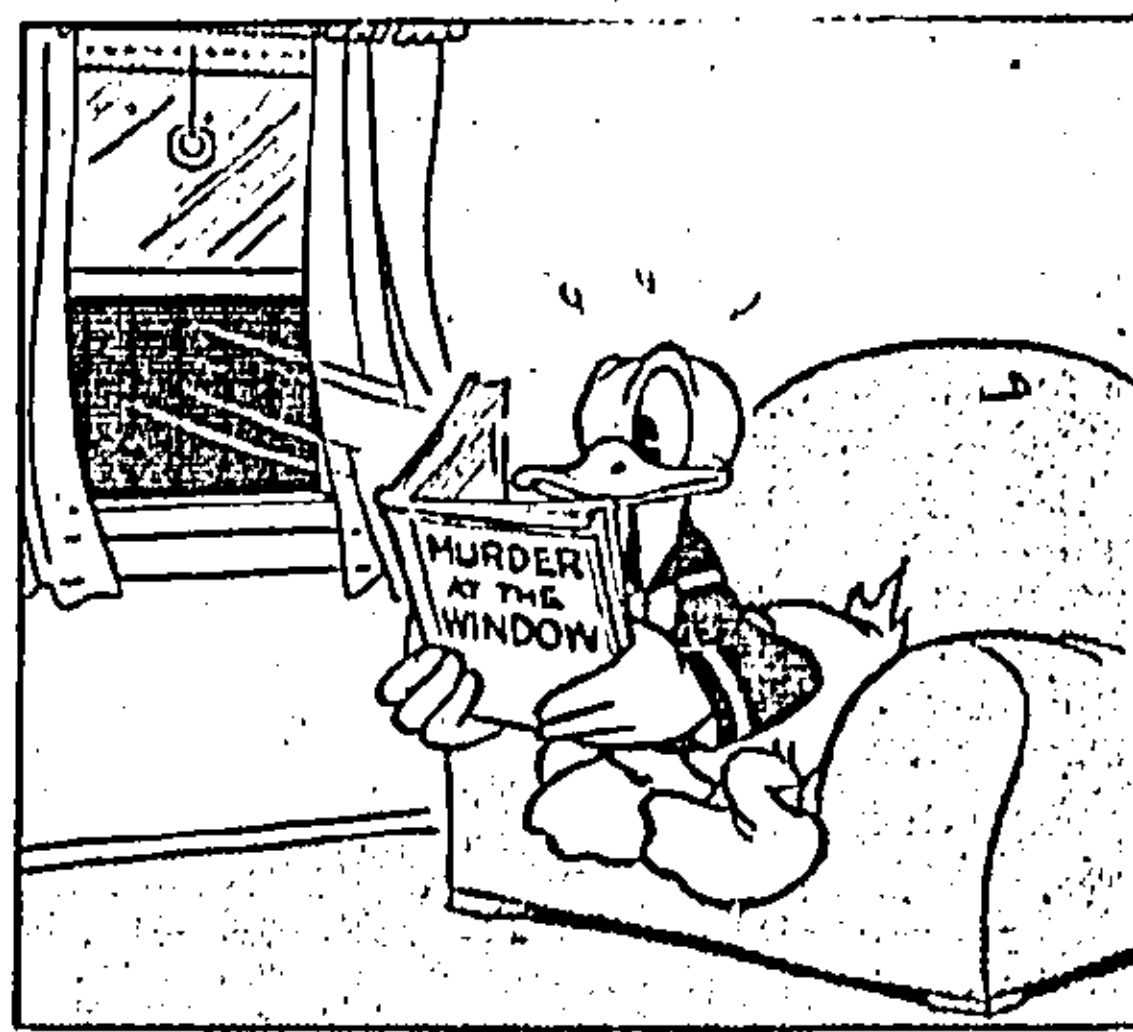
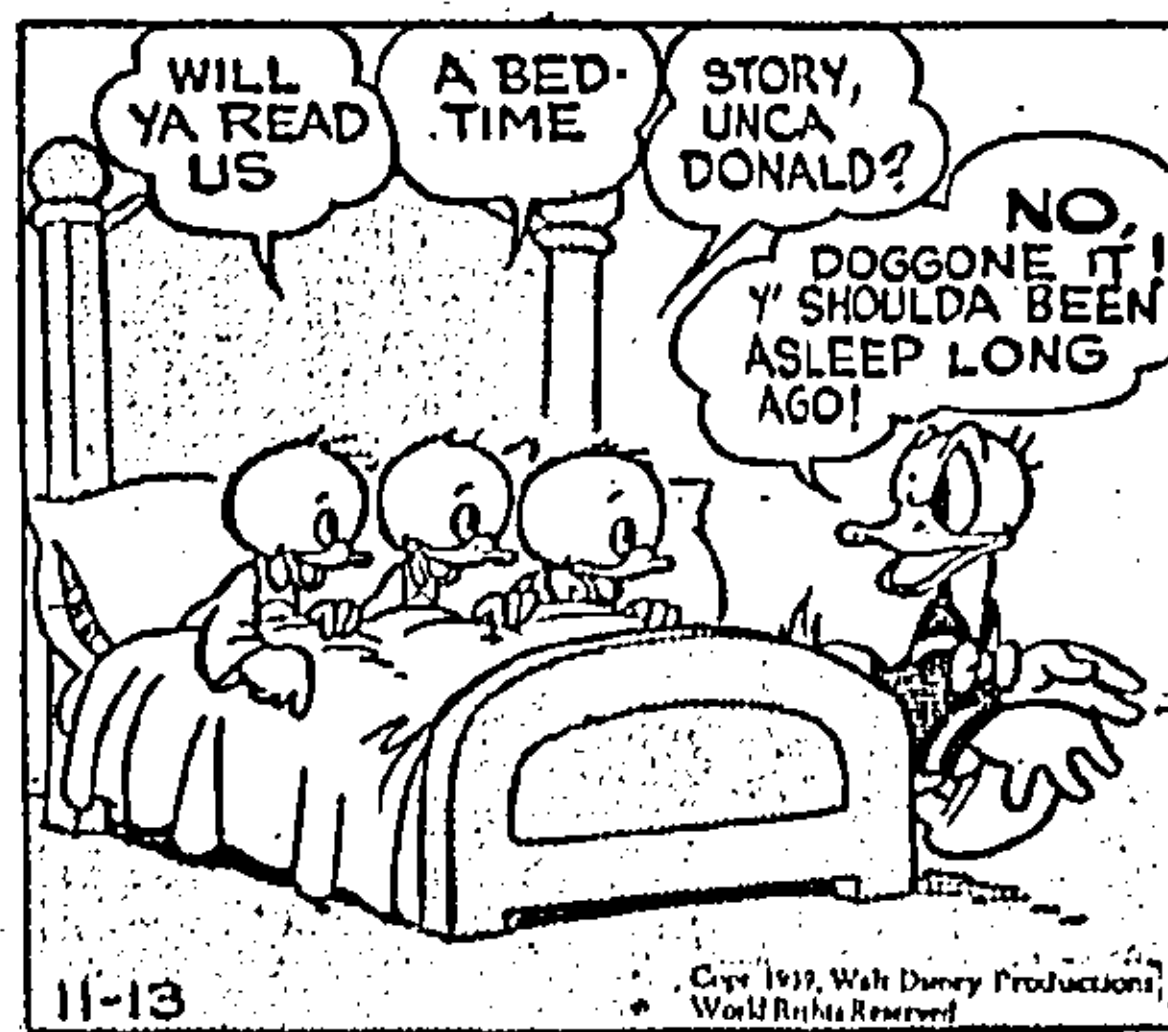
G.P.O.
Reg. Dec. 26, Noon.
Ord. Dec. 26, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 1st Jan.

K.P.O.
Reg. Dec. 26, Noon.
Ord. Dec. 26, Noon.

G.P.O.
Reg. Dec. 26, Noon.
Ord. Dec. 26, 5 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan 3.00 p.m.

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Two British airmen, prisoners at internment barracks somewhere in Germany, chat with German officer, left. Barbed wire runs along building to discourage anyone who might consider jumping out of a window.

Make It A Safe Christmas

HERE are four "Do's" and four "Don'ts" to make your Christmas safe:

DO:

- Hang up paper and other lanterns by wire, not string—and make sure they don't swing.
- Warn your family and guests if there are coins or similar surprises in Christmas pudding.
- Wait until the pudding is on the table before pouring on lighted spirit.
- Keep all flags, paper streamers, well clear of open lights and electric fuses.

DON'T:

- Make any change at all in electric wiring except under the direction of an electrician or competent person.
- Give highly painted toys or those with sharp edges to very young children—who may put them straight into their mouths.
- Use celluloid for any decorative purpose—it's highly inflammable.
- Leave paper streamers hanging or lying about after the party is over.

PHILIPPINE FLOODS

Manila, Dec. 21.

The Province of Cagayan is still cut off following the typhoon and floods of the week-end. Authorities fear epidemics and famine. Some 1,800 people are homeless at Ilagan, Isabella Province. The Postmaster reported that several persons were killed and that crop damage was enormous. The flood waters have not receded.—United Press.

Nephews' Teasers Will Be Worse This Christmas

By GUY RAMSEY

THE spate of Christmas games is upon us. You know the kind of thing: "What was the maiden name of Mrs. David Copperfield?"—one given at the Liberal Party ball—or, "What murderer called his victim an egg?" which was set to the pupils of King William's College, Isle of Man, in their annual General Knowledge test.

Hitherto I have been able (more or less) to hold my own when my young nephew Roderick has returned to the bosom of his family for Christmas with a store of such teasers, specifically designed "to make Uncle Guy look an awful juggins."

For General Knowledge tests (which ought really to be called Special Knowledge tests) are really tests of other people's intelligence. When Roderick, helping himself to his fourth mince-pie, to the peril of his waistcoat buttons, splutters:

"Uncle, how long is the Equator?" or, worse, "Who said, 'My kingdom for a horse'?" I find my cigarette case empty (I always keep my cigarette case empty when Roderick is at home) and, on pretext of filling it, go to my library and look up "Equator" in the encyclopaedia or "Kingdom" in an anthology of quotations, and return ostentatiously puffing and come out pat with the answer.

Paying Methods

Chagrined (and, of course, mince-pie) reduce Roderick nearly to bursting point. For (with the aid of my library) I am a bit of a whale at using other people's intelligence.

But this term, Roderick's school has at last awakened (after 350 years of existence) to the theory that it might be a good thing to find out not how much its pupils know, but how intelligent they are.

To this end they have evolved a system of "Intelligence" tests. These have filled me with dread. No book of reference can help me now.

Young Roderick will mumble with his mouth full: "Brothers and sisters have I none, but that man's father is my father's son, Uncle. Who is it, Uncle?"

—Of Course

Or he will ask me to complete the next two of a series of figures that run: 1, 3, 7, 13, 21.

He will ask me what is the opposite of "Not in," and crow disgustingly when I say testily: "Out, of course."

I thought to be prepared for Roderick's home-coming, I went along to the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

I glanced at the paper for 10-year-olds—and scored a superb 47 per cent.

I inquired of the Vocational Guidance section what that indicated; they said that if I were 10 they would advise me to go in for a manual job.

I tried the paper for eight-year-olds. This was one question:—

If the letters in the word NOR are in the same order as they are in the alphabet, write the number which is less than 5 by the number of letters in the word AND. If not, write the number 1—unless it is a Wednesday, in which case write 172.

So This Is Fair

I smoked three cigarettes. My tie was crooked, my hair (such as it is) was wild. I had my paper checked. I had scored 95 per cent.—having taken 25 minutes for a ten-minute paper.

Outraged, I telephoned to the Board of Education, asking if they encouraged this monstrous system for the discomfiture of uncles.

"Most decidedly," they said. "Intelligence tests provide a new instrument to measure a child's potentialities. It has, of course, its limitations. (Psychologists co-ordinate the tests with a case history and a personal interview.) It takes no account of temperament or character."

"Its great advantage is that it does not put the wind-up children—as do ordinary examinations. They treat it as a game."

A Game For Whom?

A game, forsooth! If I play it with Roderick, I fear I shall lose.

I knew it! Roderick has just emerged from his cub with a dirty face and a dirty crack.

He asked me: "If a man bought a 2d. thing and gave a 6d., and if he got two coins in change, and if one coin wasn't a 3d. bit, how did it happen?"

I found my cigarette-case empty I went to the library. I used up five sheets of a bridge pad, working it out.

I returned, smoking and smiling. "You can't catch me," I smirked. "I know the answer. The customer was done."

"Wrong again, Uncle Guy! One coin wasn't a 3d. bit—but the other coin was! Ha! ha!"

An American doctor says the intelligence declines after the age of 15. He is quite right I shall spend this Christmas at my club playing contract. It's easier.

THE TWO FUNNIEST THINGS THAT EVER HAPPENED!

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MOTHER likes things for the home. I'd like to buy her a special lamp—shade made of two pieces of transparent stuff with dried flowers, weeds, or barley pressed between. An 18in. diameter shade for a standard lamp will cost \$8. Others are made to estimate.

FOR father I'd like to buy something to keep his feet warm in the car. I've got my eye on an irritation

fur rug made of long pile alpaca wool in brown.

MY brother doesn't know it, but his habit of changing his suits about three times a day has made me want to give him an umbrella with three interchangeable handles, one of whangce, one of leather, and one of malacca.

MY awkward Aunt, charming in herself, is apt to be difficult as regards gifts.

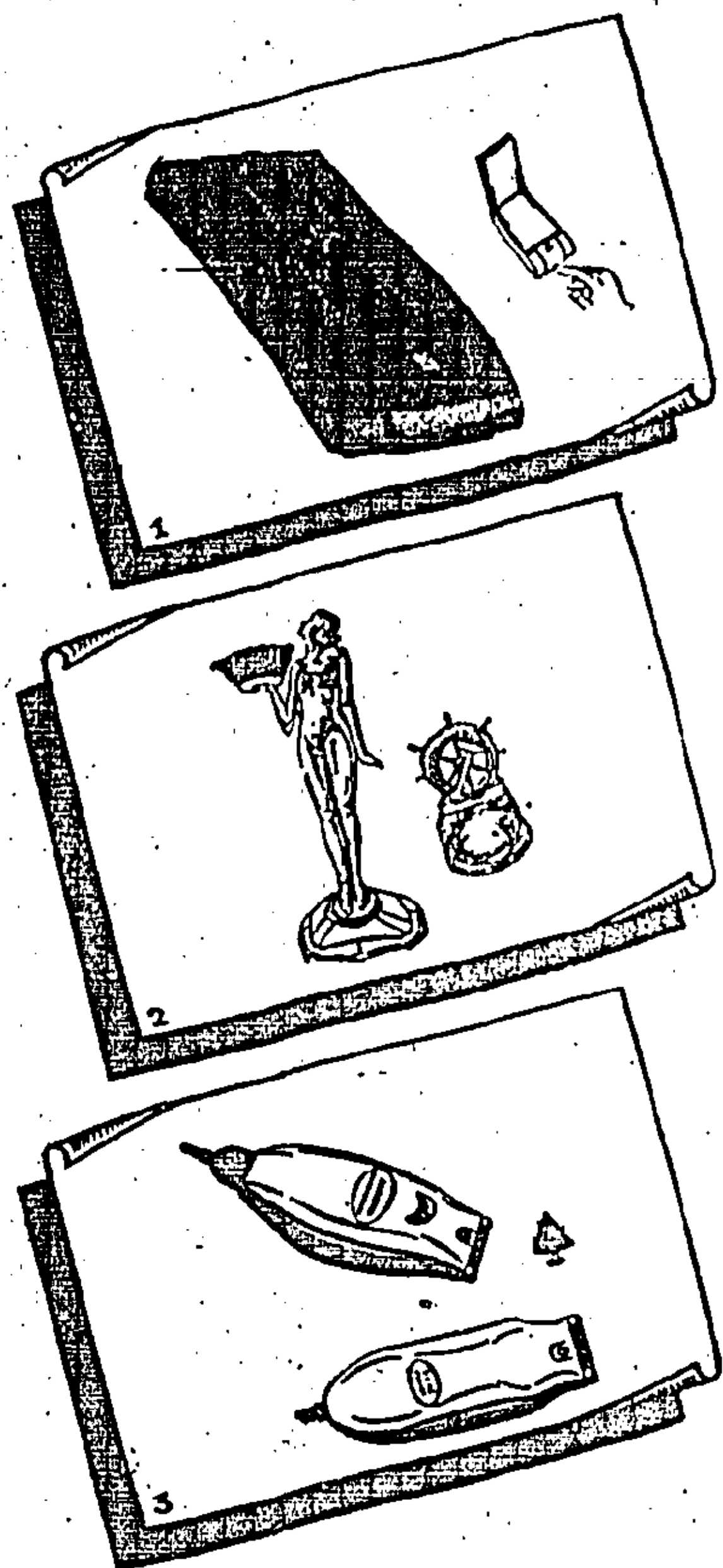
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STEAMER LAUNCHED AT KOWLOON DOCKS

The Karuah, a 1,200-ton steel single-crew steamer being built for the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company Ltd., Australia, was launched at the dockyard of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company Ltd. yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, wife of the Chairman of Directors of the Dock Company, and a bottle of Australian champagne was appropriately used in the christening.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell opened his toast to the Karuah with an expression of profound admiration for the grand way in which Australia has rallied to the aid of the Old Country in the present struggle.

"The Karuah," he continued, "is the eighth ship we have built for Australian owners and is rather unusual in that she is constructed almost entirely of Australian steel. With her launching we have safely transferred from land to water 10,000 tons of deadweight during this year. We have the facilities, both as to labour and plant, to build 25,000 tons of deadweight in a year, and I am very hopeful that it will not be long before our services are availed of and the Colony given the opportunity to play a useful part in the replacement of the wastage in shipping caused by the war."

Chance for Reciprocity

According to reports, he added, Australia was making strenuous efforts to stimulate her own ship-building trade. This was a praiseworthy effort, but he wished to point out to Australia, in the most friendly spirit, that the balance of trade between her and the Colony was largely in Australia's favour, and that orders for ships, which could be built of Australian steel, provided a suitable contribution for restoring the trade balance and made for reciprocity and goodwill.

"We are very grateful to the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company for entrusting us with the building of the Karuah," he declared. "We realise that the Australian coasting trade, like our own, calls for exceptionally seaworthy vessels, and we have every confidence that the Karuah will meet all requirements in this respect."

Mr. C. W. J. Barker, the owners' representative in Hongkong, and supervisor of the Karuah's construction, responded to the toast. After thanking Mrs. Dodwell for performing the christening, he explained that the name Karuah was that of a town and river in New South Wales and also belonged to a ship formerly owned by the company.

"Though my company is small compared with some companies," he continued, "it has had a long and useful career. The first steamer to ply between Sydney and Newcastle was the Sophia Jane, in 1931. The daily service was started in 1939, and though there has been competition from railway, road, and aeroplane, the service is still in demand and the answer to that demand is the ship that has just been launched."

He said that he had every confidence in the worthiness of the ship's construction, which embodied certain special features for which she would probably be noted.

Australia's New Policy

"The prospects of renewed orders from Australia for vessels of small tonnage have undergone a complete change since this ship was commenced," he added. "It is felt that the time is ripe to encourage the building of such vessels in Australia and the policy of the Government is directed to this end. Encouragement is practical in that for a period of three years a bonus will be granted on tonnage, and all British equipment will be admitted free of duty. Whereas formerly duty was levied on ships under 500 tons, this no longer applies, so that a certain amount of competition from overseas will prevent an undue rise in price."

With a reminder of the national importance of the work of the dockyard "in time of peace and its greatly enhanced value in the present time of stress," he proposed a toast to the welfare of the Dockyard Company and all associated with it.

Mr. Cook then presented Mrs. Dodwell with a memento of the occasion in the form of a pair of diamond and platinum ear-rings.

Details of The Karuah

The Karuah is of the shelter deck type with an overall length of 242 ft., a moulded breadth of 39 ft., and a depth to the shelter deck of 24 ft. She is built to Lloyd's highest class and has been specially strengthened in excess of their requirements for the particular trade in which she will be used and to conform to the latest requirements of the Board of Trade and Australian Navigation Act.

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Fewer Try To Be Lawyers

THE TRAINING TAKES FIVE YEARS

THERE were only 28 candidates at the Law Society's preliminary examination in London last month. Normally there are from 75 to 100. The war has caused the reduction.

Parents whose sons may become liable to military service are dubious about paying the £40 duty for a stipend to article them to solicitors. Mr. T. G. Lund, secretary of the Law Society, said that, as well as the stipend duty, there is the premium which varies from £150 to £300.

"Then articles last five years. Parents cannot look ahead to five or broken years for their sons. They will not risk it with a war on. In bad times the entry to the profession in the past has always increased. When times are good we get fewer articulated clerks because there are more openings in commerce. It is true that in the past the profession has been overcrowded. But that is true of every profession."

man and Carron & Co. An electric elevator capable of handling 250 lb. packages is fitted for the rapid handling of small packages to or from No. 2 hold or the 'tween deck to the upper deck.

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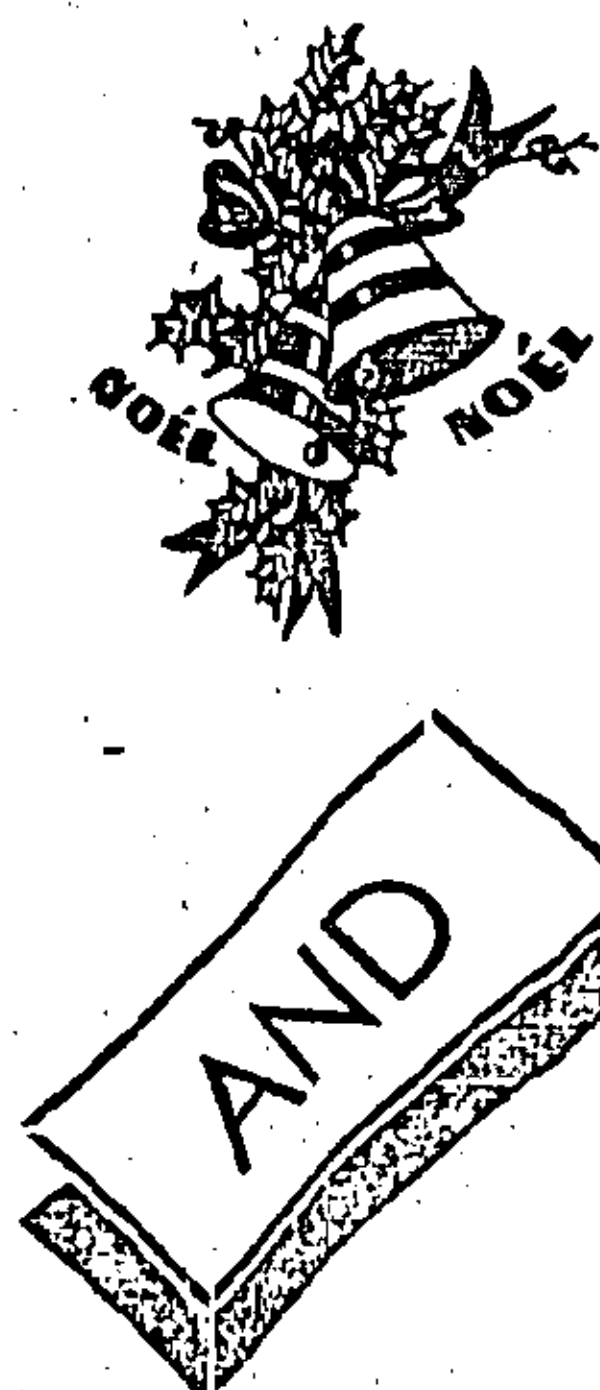
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Three Men Of 'Reckless Resolve'

THREE Merchant Service Captains who outwitted U-boats on the high seas, an able seaman, and an obscure Indian mahout—elephant driver—in a Bengal jungle have been linked as heroes in the pages of the London Gazette.

The three captains each received the Order of the British Empire—the first awards made to the Merchant Service in this war. They are:—

Captain Thomas H. Farrar, of the Baharistan (5,479 tons), owned by the Strick Line, London.

Commander Edward T. Grayston, D.S.C., R.N.R. (retired), of the 8,497-ton Karama (Shaw Savill and Albion Co., Ltd., London).

Captain Albert A. White, of the 4,803-ton Stonepool (Sir R. Ropner and Co., West Hartlepool).

The able seaman is Frederick George Hayter, gunlayer of the Stonepool. He received the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for a five-hour fight with a U-boat.

That is the award, too, which Alhman Sing Dhanwar, somewhere in Jalpaiguri, Bengal, will receive for his jungle exploit.

Here are the heroes' stories, as told by the London Gazette:—

Captain Farrar His ship was not armed. She was suddenly attacked at dead of night by an enemy submarine at very short range, not far off shore near Land's End.

The U-boat fired from ahead of her, on her starboard bow, so that to escape she had to turn towards the land.

The master could not have been blamed for heaving to and abandoning ship. But he determined at great risk to defy the enemy, and at once brought the gun flash astern.

The submarine brought her searchlight to bear, extinguished it, and continued firing. All shots fell very close, but by the bold decision and ready skill of her master, Baharistan made good her escape.

His ship was not armed. She was chased for four hours by the U-boat which sank the Bretagne (a 10,000-ton French ship). The U-boat fired on her lifeboats, killing seven people.

The enemy fired—at least—thirty shells, many of which fell within a few feet of the Karama's hull.

The master felt he could expect no quarter. He therefore made up his mind to defy the enemy and attempt escape.

He was supported by the whole crew in this courageous if reckless resolve.

His act of faith was justified in the event, and saved his ship.

[At his home at East Farleigh, near Barming, Kent, Commander Grayston said: "Destroyers appeared after four hours, and the submarine dived. I can't say if they sank it. We weren't hit in the chase—we only got a splinter."]

On sighting a U-boat, the Stonepool manned her gun in about two minutes, and exchanged shot for shot with the enemy.

The shooting was good, and the Stonepool shot well. She hit or damaged the U-boat, whose thirteenth or fourteenth shot holed the Stonepool two feet above the waterline.

By resolute and skilful action the master saved his ship. The chase was exciting, and the gunlayer and gun's crew did very well.

Last of all, the story of:—
Aihman Sing manager of a Bengal tea estate, went hunting with Aihman Sing for a tigress that had mauled a coolie.

The tigress ambushed the hunters. Their elephants bolted in panic, and Mr. Pullan and his mahout were thrown to the ground.

Aihman Sing rallied his elephant, charged back, and rescued his two companions. Mr. Pullan was severely injured.

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I'M HAPPY THO' SPENDING Christmas In Hospital

By I. T.

I'm spending my first Christmas in hospital. A memorable experience, and a surprisingly happy one.

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But it was a bad moment pinned helpless in blankets and carried on a stretcher in the quiet, dark road.

Well, here I am, weak as a kitten, minus an appendix and looking forward to my Christmas dinner. The nurses are having great fun transforming the men's ward, which is near my room.

They are pinning "oak paneling" on the walls with drawing pins.

Two small boys, Peter and Stewart, keep up a non-stop conversation on how to sidetrack Father Christmas into the hospital when he finds they are not at home.

Everybody is looking forward to seeing their faces when Doctor Santa Claus turns up.

My sister bought a clockwork Donald Duck for me from a pavement toy vendor.

Nobody from the matron's downwards has been able to resist it.

The y wind it up, giggle at its indignant squawking. An old gentleman of seventy-six is in the next room to mine. He's had his operation and is doing fine.

There's another of seventy and another of seventy-five. Imagine having operations at that age, all you healthy folk—and be thankful for your own sound bodies.

German People Want Peace

Remark By Nazi
U-Boat Officer

"The German people do not want war. I don't want it myself. I am only carrying out my duty."

This statement was made by a German submarine officer after his ship had sunk the British steamer Blairlogie.

Ronald Farrell (19), a university student, who was working on the steamer as a cabin boy during his vacation and who has now arrived at his home in Hamilton from New York, where survivors of Blairlogie were taken by the liner American Shipper, said that after the ship was sunk the submarine circled round two ship's boats.

"An officer who looked like a chief mate asked us if we had any wounded or sick on board our boat and if we had food. He inquired from our captain, Mr. D. McAlpine, whether everything was all right and stood by until a boat was put into the ship-shape as it had shipped some water. He gave us two bottles of gin and a large carton of cigarettes. I have half a packet of those cigarettes still, and I'm keeping them as a souvenir.

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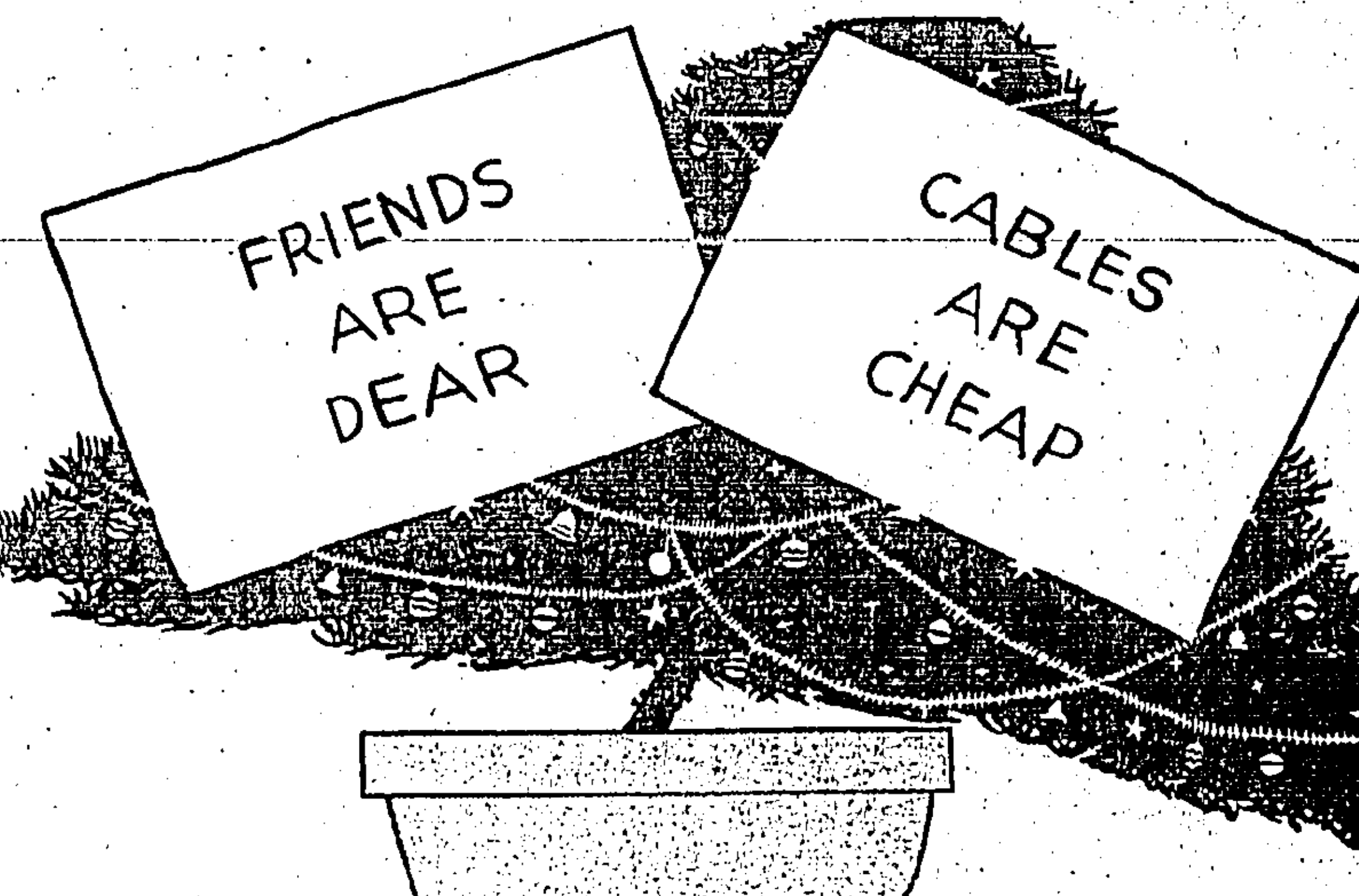
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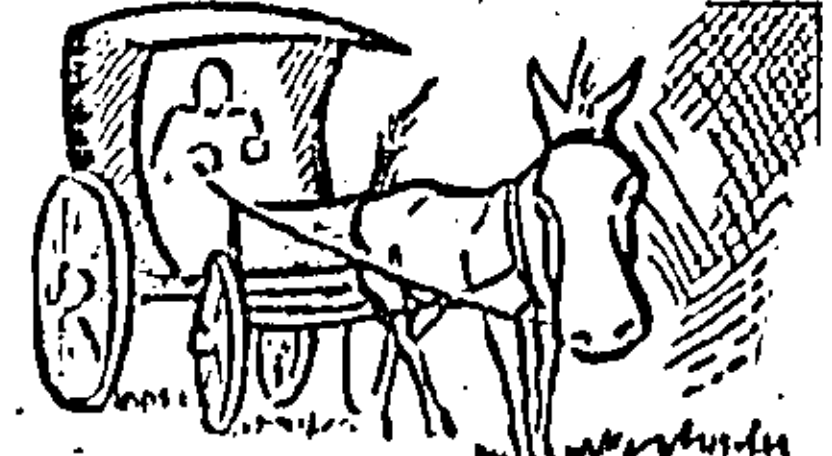
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Eviction Laws

Mr. Justice Fraser's carefully weighed comments in his judgment concerning an eviction claim, the text of which appeared in our columns yesterday, illuminatingly reveal the peculiar premises upon which the Hongkong Eviction Ordinance is based. Complaint is not directed against the learned judge's decision; if anything, one can sympathise with him, for he was at times clearly torn between the necessity of strictly applying the law and the inhumane implications which thereby became apparent.

It probably comes as a shock to many to know that under the Hongkong law, "hardship" for a tenant does not mean being asked to pay rent which is beyond his purse. Anybody in such an unfortunate position, says the law, must clear out and get into cheaper accommodation, even though that may involve living in a house which is vulnerable to fire dangers, has no flush system and boasts only wooden staircases. Such dwelling houses are for the poor. If you want anything better, you must be able to afford it.

This sounds harsh, and practice proves it, even though the law deny it. The Eviction Ordinance may well be criticised on this ground, and justifiable demands made for a revision of fundamental philosophy upon which it is based. But the simpler method, and one which would provide less headaches and heartaches for litigants in eviction cases, would be the introduction of a separate Government measure prohibiting dwelling houses which are invitations to a Guy Fawkes bonfire, which have no flush systems, and which, generally speaking, require a stretch of the imagination to be described as habitable.

Mr. Justice Fraser called these conditions "amenities which are

MANY COOKS MAKE A CHRISTMAS PUDDING

WE celebrate Christmas in 1939 on the 1603rd anniversary of the day that Julius, Bishop of Rome, first fixed for Christians to commemorate their Saviour's birth.

But 200 years before Bishop Julius the scattered congregations of the early Church had been honouring Christ's birthday then.

And for many centuries before and after these celebrations have been added to out of the mythology, the folklore and the history of all the nations.

The Christmas that we know in England has borrowed its trappings from many sources over many centuries—from the Druids who first hung the mistletoe bough to Albert Prince Consort who introduced the first Christmas tree.

THE last days of December were a festival long before Christ was born in Bethlehem. They are the fun of the year.

The daylight, shortest on December 21, has begun to lengthen out again; the sun, as the simple peoples that once adored it saw, gives promise of a glorious return and the wheel—the Yule is the Gothic word for it—has come full circle.

Before Caesar landed in Kent the Druids went forth when the days began to lengthen to cut the mistletoe from the oak, a tree held holy to the sun god.

They distributed a sprig to every home, where it was hung over the doorway to invite the god's protection. Marriages sealed by a kiss under the mistletoe were held lucky. That was 2,000 years ago; but we still kiss under the mistletoe bough when Christmas comes.

THE Romans, every schoolboy is taught, brought Britain roads, laws and buildings. They also brought Christmas decorations, paper caps and Christmas presents. December 25 was at the season of their feast of Saturn, who, they said, had been King of the Gods in the vanished golden age.

On the feast of Saturn, the houses were decked with bays and holly, friends gave each other presents and for ten days the social ties were broken and Jack was as good as his master. Rich men waited on their slaves and parents on their children and men made merry with masks and coloured caps and paper noses.

The Romans departed from Britain—leaving their Saturnalia behind them; the Pagan Norsemen came in.

They came with a new Christmas rite—the Yule log. It was their custom at the close of every year to light a huge log which was supposed to burn away all the hatreds and worries of the past 12 months and enable men to make another start.

Later the Yuletide log was replaced by a giant candle—and the little candles on our Christmas trees to-day are the last relic of it.

ALONG with the Yule log the Norsemen brought their "trial by ordeal." An accused man had to carry a hot iron bar a certain distance. If his scar healed within a certain time he was pronounced innocent. A milder form of the ordeal, a kind

not necessities. It hardly seems possible, in these days of vaunted progress, that the law should demand such a statement. It is high time the authorities turned these so-called amenities into necessities. Until they do, Hongkong's laws are likely to carry a stigma of far greater meaning than Mr. Bumble's cynical quip:

of travesty of it, became popular at the Christmas festival when so much else was travestied. This was the Snapdragon—a dish of lighted fruits which the guests had to pick out of the flames with their fingers.

In the West Country a jug of elder in which a lighted candle has been fixed is drunk at Christmas. It is called a flag dragon.

With the Mediaeval Church came the carols, the earliest go back to King Henry III.'s day, and the stockings and Santa Claus.

He is St. Nicholas, the patron saint of Bari, who gave all his patrimony away in gifts to poor girls so that they might be furnished with a marriage portion. St. Nicholas' Day is December 6.

Before the Reformation little girls used to hang up their stockings overnight in the belief that before morning came St. Nicholas would visit them and fill it with his gifts. But after the Reformation abolished St. Nicholas feast the custom was transferred to Christmas day.

But it was not until Elizabeth had been on the throne for 30 years that Englishmen began to bake their pies in pastry shaped to recall the manger where the infant Jesus lay.

These were the first mince-

pies and their contents were precisely the same as the ones we eat in 1939. Turkeys and plum puddings were not known as Christmas dishes then—the traditional fare was the boar's head, decked with rosemary and served with plenty of mustard.

BUT when Cromwell abolished Christmas under the Commonwealth, disliking the Pagan origin or some of its ceremonies, he abolished the boar's head along with it and that dish was never restored.

Charles II. brought Christmas back to England, though he never could persuade the Scots to restore the old feast when they restored the old monarchy.

And in good King Charles' golden days we find the first turkeys and the first plum puddings.

The turkey does not come from Turkey. It was called a turkey derisively by the Greeks because of the bird's pompous strut and the scarlet "fez" on its head. Its home was in New England and when the Pilgrim Fathers celebrated their first harvest after landing in the new world in 1621 they naturally feasted on the fowl that was most plentiful locally. From a thanksgiving dish in new Eng-

land the Turkey became a Christmas dish in old England in about 1660.

It was known here before that. Sailors from the New World returned with some specimens as far back as 1540, when Archbishop Crammer forbade his clergy to have more than one turkeycock served up at a single meal.

THE original plum pudding was served with the first course as a special Christmas bread.

Currants, spices and raisins were mixed with the dough and the whole compound came in a special dish called a plum porridge. In the course of the eighteenth century all the elements of a Christmas celebration settled down into their present place.

So did the ingredients in the plum pudding, which was well established in its modern form by 1798, when the poet, Coleridge described in his letters home how impressed he had become with the Christmas tree in Germany. He died 10 years too soon to see it introduced into England in the eighteen-forties when, after Queen Victoria's marriage, it first set the seal on every Merry Christmas.

George Edinger.

Packing The Christmas Dinners Presents In The Past

HALF the joy of receiving presents is the exciting job of unwrapping them. Remember this when you start to tie up your gifts, and spend a few pence on attractive packing material.

Fancy boxes, seasonably designed wrapping paper and tape, coloured string, Christmas seals and labels, can be bought cheaply.

With these additions you may dress up your gifts in their "party frocks," and in so doing give double pleasure to the recipients.

But don't forget the commonsense part of the packing as well. Make sure that your presents will travel safely, and not give your friends the wrong kind of surprise by sending gifts which arrive in "pieces." Parcels are bound to get a lot of knocking about at this time of year if you send them by post or rail, so they must be well protected.

Corrugated cardboard is an excellent shock absorber, and so is crumpled newspaper. Tissue paper can be used, too, and has the advantage of making any present look more valuable.

The important thing is to see that the present is not loose in the parcel, but packed around tightly so that it cannot move. A plain brown paper wrapping may be used to cover the more attractive one inside. Tie this round firmly with strong string and stick on a gummed label.

Here are a few hints which, if followed, should ensure your gifts reaching their destinations in good condition and at the right moment:—
Address all labels very plainly—block letters are best.

Put an addressed label inside the parcel as well as out, in case the wrapper gets torn.

Enclose sender's name and address—in case of non-delivery.

G. O. J.

TURKEY and Christmas pudding! The traditional British Christmas dinner. So, at least, it is popularly supposed. Yet actually the Christmas dinners of our forefathers were very different from ours.

What, then, did they eat at Christmas time? Earliest predecessor of the turkey was undoubtedly the boar's head which, decorated with bay and rosemary, was brought to the table with great ceremony amid a flourish of trumpets.

The swan was another favourite at the ancient Christmas feast. So, too, was the peacock, which served up decked with its own gorgeous plumage and its beak gilded—a most ornate dish, doubtless, though by all accounts, not at all palatable.

Strange Flavours

Though much of the food was the same as we eat nowadays, it must have tasted very different. Strange ideas of cookery prevailed in centuries past. Instead of separating flavours the aim apparently was to mingle as many incongruous ones as possible.

Sweet ingredients were freely mixed with salt ones, and real savoury dishes were rare. The compounds were generally smothered in spices or condiments, often including sugar, or, as that was then a costly commodity, the native substitute, honey.

Confectionery of a sort existed. The mediaeval table was plentifully strewn with sugar comfits, nougat, and quaint sugar shapes known as "subtleties," and sundry other little bits. Colouring tinctures were extensively used, particularly saffron. Cochineal was employed from the earliest times.

Wines And Wassail

Foreign wines, heavily spiced, were imported to augment the native drinks, cider, ale, and mead. Also, there was the time-honoured wassail bowl, filled with hot spiced ale, in which roasted apples floated.

A Christmas dish of widespread consumption, however, was that termed "frumenty." This in its simplest form was hulled wheat, seasoned and boiled in milk. After various enrichments, this frumenty evolved into a concoction termed "Plum Porridge," which was generally composed of raisins, prunes, gingerbread and sundry other ingredients, stewed in beef or mutton broth and richly spiced. It is difficult to imagine what it tasted like, but anyhow, from this extraordinary "porridge" probably emanated our present Christmas pudding.

The modern mince pie is another reproduction, though a much modified one, of a mediaeval delicacy. Originally it was called "mutton pie." A fourteenth-century recipe for a Christmas, or mince pie includes pheasant, hare, capon, partridge, pigeon, eggs, pickled mushroom, salt, pepper, spice, and vinegar. In directing the meat to be chopped up, the recipe naïvely advises that as many bones be taken out as possible.

Our own idea of Christmas plenty is positively abominable. Judged by the standards of other ages, one's appetite is surfeited even by reading the list of edibles offered to guests.

For a Christmas dinner in the reign of Charles II there were provided two courses, with twenty-one dishes in each. Sirloin of beef is one dish, so is roast lamb, and swan pie yet another. Towards the end comes a dish of larks' nests' tongues, and called goose.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It's a bargain when you stop to figure how wages and materials have gone up since the war!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

"Glory" At A High Price

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—"To Nazi Germany such an end may be the 'New York Times' commenting on Captain Langford's suicide. 'But it is glory at a high price—the price of tradition and respect of other men and nations and perhaps eventually of German morale.'"

The paper contrasts this with the death of Captain Kennedy of the Rawalpindi. It says that the world will be left to wonder even more whether there is not a melodramatically suicidal tendency running through all the structure of the Nazi regime.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN BACK

Stockholm, Dec. 21.

It is reported by telephone from Helsinki that 16 Russian planes raided Helsinki at 12.05 p.m. Finnish time, and dropped six bombs up to 1 p.m., when the air raid alarm was still in force.—United Press.

Raiders Driven Off

Helsinki, Dec. 21.

Russian planes dropped about ten bombs on Helsinki in a new raid this afternoon on the hospitals in the outskirts of the city. It is reported that one person was slightly injured. It is believed that 11 Soviet planes participated.

Six Finnish planes engaged them and in a prolonged battle drove off the raiders. One Soviet plane is reported to have been brought down.—Reuter.

Bombs On Hospital

Helsinki, Dec. 21.

At noon a raid by 12 planes took place. They dropped 25 to 30 bombs in the hospital district. Casualties are reported to be slight. The Emergency Red Cross station, where 20 nurses were on duty, was the most seriously damaged. Several other buildings were set on fire. Most of the hospital buildings were evacuated. One woman patient was seriously wounded.—United Press.

Russian Attacks Fail

With the Finnish Army, Mannerheim Line, Dec. 21.

For the third successive day the Red Army hammered the middle defence system in Karelia in a critical battle. The Finns everywhere flung the Russians back with heavy losses, and tenaciously retained their positions. They captured more than 100 tanks.

The air throbbed constantly with the sound of plane motors in many aerial battles.

"I spent a day at the front in a vital fighting zone between the lakes Muola and Kauk, where the bitterest phases of the battle has proceeded for three days," says the correspondent.

"This afternoon I witnessed the most spectacular dog fight I have seen in any group of three men in white uniforms walk down the road to get some rest after three days of stubborn fighting. As they walked in single file along a path in the woods, they detected a fire and stumbled towards the spot. It was a 33-ton Russian tank with its interior a blazing inferno. The air had the sickening stench of burning flesh. It was found that the crew inside had been reduced to carbon.

"On Wednesday the Russians concentrated the heaviest bombardment so far. Despite terrific losses, they were unable to shatter the defence line.

Russians Driven Back

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.

The correspondent of the Politiken at Rovaniemi reports that the Finns have driven back the Russians from 20 to 30 kilometres from the Kemi River on the Salla front.

The Finns destroyed one Russian battalion, captured 200 prisoners, 30 trucks and much war material.—United Press.

Daring Pilot's Exploit

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.

The National Tidende's correspondent at Helsinki reports that a Fin-

Neutral Shipping Bombed by Nazis

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Rear-Admiral Kanazawa, navy spokesman, told foreign correspondents to-day that the Yangtse and Pearl Rivers would probably be opened two months hence.

He said considerable preparation was necessary, such as alteration of wharves from military to commercial usages, removal of river obstructions, etc.

Answering a question as to whether the re-opening had any connection with the forthcoming expiration of the trade treaty with the United States, the spokesman said the navy has been making an effort to re-open the rivers as soon as possible. Political considerations have not effected the decision, but naturally diplomats might obtain some advance therefrom.—United Press.

Wang Has His Say

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

To-day the Central China Daily News, Chinese language mouthpiece of Wang Ching-wai, declares in an editorial. "It will only be by adjusting Sino-Japanese relations that we will be able to find a successful conclusion of the Japanese-American negotiations."

"The announcement regarding the re-opening of the Yangtze and plans to remove the Pearl River restrictions are all for the benefit of the Japanese-American trade negotiations, but will these offers bring about a successful conclusion of the negotiations?"

"It appears not so easy. The Japanese-American trade negotiations are in reality negotiations on the China problem, but the Japanese opening of the Yangtze and Pearl rivers is only directed at trade, and does not cover the China problem as a whole."

"The United States is allowing the negotiations to drag on, pending clarification of Russian policy. The only way to break the deadlock is for Japan to reach a peace agreement with China."

The Journal warns Japan against delayed conclusion of the Japanese-American negotiations, which would be detrimental to Tokyo, since the United States may in the first stages of the European war conclude an agreement with the Soviet to solve the Japanese problem and then join the Anglo-French front in a fight against the Soviet in the later stages of the war.—Reuter.

Reception In London

London, Dec. 21.

The Japanese promise to reopen the Yangtze to third party shipping is favourably regarded in well informed quarters as giving evidence of a more constructive policy on the part of the Tokyo Government, says The Times diplomatic correspondent.

Its object clearly is to pave the way for better relations with the United States in the hope that the State Department will renew the Commercial Treaty with Japan. The Commercial Treaty may well be the improvement of Anglo-Japanese relations. In any case the Japanese Government is considered to have shown not a little courage in initiating a policy which cannot command itself to the "advance elements in the Army"—Reuter Special.

Welcomed In London

London, Dec. 21.

The reopening of the Yangtze has naturally been welcomed, says The Times city correspondent. It is the first direct step towards the restoration of Shanghai's great entrepot trade, but the actual effect of the move is, in reality, not likely to be very great. By devious ways goods have been finding their way from up country districts to Shanghai. These arrivals have supplied

ish pilot on the Salmiäervi front found a slightly damaged Russian bomber abandoned.

He succeeded in hastily repairing it and joined the Russian flight and accompanied it back to the Russian air base.

He hovered in the background while the others landed, then bombed and machine-gunned the Russian machines. He then flew home.—United Press.

Finns Fight Back

Helsinki, Dec. 21.

Overnight the Russian forces of tanks, artillery, infantry and aero-planes continued a determined attempt to fight through to the Mannerheim Line on the western or Finnish Gulf side of the Karelian Isthmus and place their mechanised forces on the excellent roads which lead to Helsinki.

The first night air raid alarm was sounded in Helsinki last night. No bombs were dropped and no planes were sighted over the central part of the city. The all clear sounded in half an hour. It was a brilliant moonlight night.

A similar alarm was sounded in Hangö, on the south-western tip of Finland. At many places planes were seen over cliffs. It has not been known at a late hour whether any bombs were dropped.—United Press.

mented cargoes brought down the Yangtze by Japanese shipping and the activities of the port have been slowly reviving.

Nanking is a little more than 100 miles up the Yangtze, a small part of the river's long course into the Chinese hinterland. To exert an important influence on the volume of river traffic reaching Shanghai it will be necessary to open the river up to Hankow. Still the development is a hopeful sign and as such has found reflection in a firmer tendency for the Chinese dollar.—Reuter.

Comment In France

Paris, Dec. 20.

While noting with satisfaction the Japanese Government's announced intention of partially re-opening the Yangtze River, well-informed circles in Paris do not underestimate the difficulties surrounding the question.

It is felt here that the matter is one which primarily concerns Britain because of her river traffic, although France and other European countries and America are also concerned.

It seems inevitable that such questions must arise as the presence of Japanese troops along the banks of the Yangtze, river barges, Japanese demands for a strict watch on munitions in order to stop the supply of arms to the army of Chiang Kai-shek, and Japanese control of the Customs.

It is pointed out that whether the creation of a convoy system for the purpose of stopping the arms traffic would meet the Japanese case is a problem which must require close attention.—Reuter.

Discussion In Tokyo

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

M. Arsene Henry, the French Ambassador, called on the Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, this afternoon.

It was understood the French Ambassador sought an explanation of the Japanese Government's announcement regarding the preparations for re-opening the lower Yangtze River.

Other outstanding questions between Japan and France were also understood to have been discussed.—Domei.

Too Vague A Promise

London, Dec. 21.

The Times' Washington correspondent says that there is obviously a feeling here that more must be heard about the conditions that American shipping would have to accept on the Yangtze when reopened, particularly what other definite suggestions Japan is willing to make.

Something more than mere gestures are needed, if cancellation of the Commercial Treaty is to be softened.—Reuter.

WATCH ON FREIGHTER

Little Hope Of Nazi Ship Escaping

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, Dec. 21 (UP).—Seven warships are at present in this neighbourhood, apparently watching the German freighter Arauca, which has been indefinitely interned at Port Everglades.

Coastal observers state that three submarines of unknown nationality are visible from the shore, apparently four miles out in the Atlantic, while two destroyers, apparently British, and two destroyers, one of which is reported to be American, are in the vicinity.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The market remains quiet and also steady.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1345
Union Ins.	\$405
Docks	\$10.40
Star Ferries	\$60.4
Yamatani Ferries	\$23.4
China Lights (New)	\$5
Cements	\$16.60
Dairy Farms (New)	\$20
Entertainments	\$10.00
Constructions (Old)	\$14
Sellers	
Cements	\$16.60
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$21
Sales	
Docks	\$10.4
Providents	\$4.4
Tramways	\$10.00
Electricity	\$5.5
Cements	\$16.6
Watsons	\$8.50

Admiral Harwood Known in Colony

Commodore H. H. Harwood (now Rear-Admiral) of the American and West Indies Squadron, who commanded the three cruisers, H.M.S. Exeter, Ajax and Achilles, is well-known on the China Station, having served as Commander and Executive Officer in H.M.S. Cumberland in 1928-29 under Captain A. L. Snagge, afterwards Rear-Admiral Snagge.

Commodore Harwood was extremely well-known along the China coast and one of his particular qualifications is that of a torpedo specialist.

Yangtze Issue

RIVER TO OPEN IN TWO MONTHS' TIME

Nazi airmen have carried out attacks on neutral ships following the bombing and sinking of unarmed British trawlers. A Norwegian ship, carrying two women, was bombed and sunk in the North Sea and the crew and passengers machine-gunned by German airmen as they took to the boats.

London, Dec. 20. Germany is inventing British raids on under-armed coastal towns, presumably as an excuse for her murder attacks on unarmed Scottish fishermen at sea.

Nazis yesterday graphically described in great detail an R.A.F. air battle over the Sylt which never took place.—British Wireless.

Machine-Gunned In Water

Oslo, Dec. 21.

The unarmed Scottish trawler Trinity was smashed to smithereens when two German planes dropped seven bombs on her, it was revealed to-day when a Danish trawler arrived at Egersund with eight survivors of her crew.

The Nazi planes attacked the boat with bombs and machine guns, forcing the crew to take refuge below deck. When the ship began to sink, the crew jumped into the sea and then to the wreckage. The planes then machine-gunned them, and when the Danish vessel arrived a stoker had been drowned and another man wounded in the leg, while a cook, aged 60, died of shock aboard the Danish ship.—Reuter.

Attack On Neutral

Oslo, Dec. 21.

The Norwegian steamer Rogeland arrived at Kopervik today with a crew of 15 from the Estonian vessel, including two women and the U.S. Captain.

It was stated that the vessel was attacked on Tuesday in the North Sea, 80 miles from the Norwegian coast, by a Nazi plane which dropped five bombs, one of which sank the ship. The plane machine-gunned the crew as they were taking to the boats and one man was hit. The crew were adrift for 15 hours.—Reuter.

Latvian Ship Lost

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.

The Latvian steamer Auskalis arrived at the Hook of Holland to-day with 16 survivors of the crew of the Swedish vessel Adolf Bratt, 1,300 tons, mined last night near Terscheiling.

Four of the Adolf Bratt's crew were drowned and one died aboard the Auskalis.—Reuter.

Danish Steamer

Oslo, Dec. 21.

The Danish steamer Mars has been sunk by a German mine in the North Sea.

Six survivors have been landed. Seven men are believed to have been killed.—Reuter.

French Share

Paris, Dec. 21.

Official statistics show that the Allies, up to December 18, have seized 870,000 tons of contraband merchandise. The French Navy seized 362,000 tons, including 74,000 last week. The British Navy seized 263,000 tons last week.—Reuter.

Diverting Shipping

Singapore, Dec. 21.

The beginning of what is likely to be a growing tendency to divert American ships to the Far East was announced to-day.

The City of Newport News, City of Los Angeles, City of Norfolk and City of San Francisco, formerly of the United States Lines, will be operated in future by the President Line between Singapore and New York via Manila, Los Angeles and Panama.

The Admiral Y. H. Williams, which has been chartered by the President Line, sailed for the United States to-day.—United Press.

Lindbergh's Decision

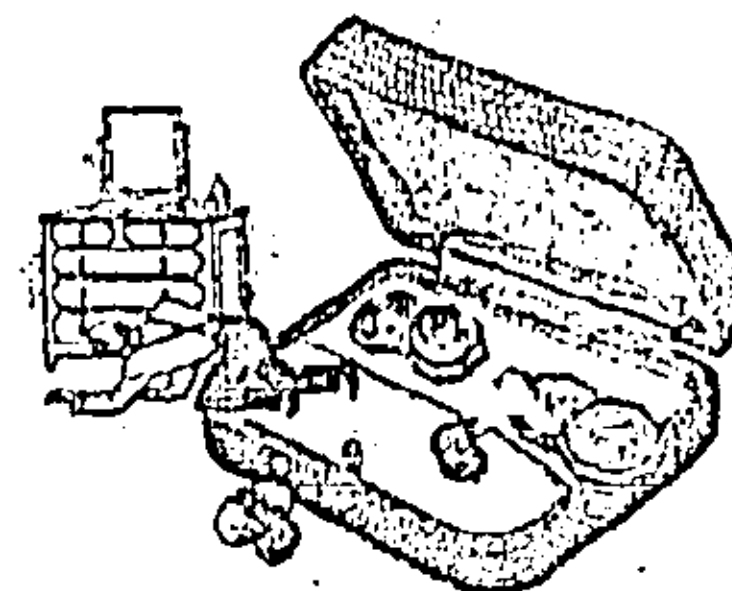
Loses Interest In Aeronautics

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—The White House Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, to-day disclosed that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has resigned from the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, and that the President has appointed Brigadier Walter G. Kuter (Retd) to succeed him.

Mr. Early said Colonel Lindbergh had advised the Committee that he could not be expected to concentrate his attention on aeronautical matters in the future.

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Plan the seating for tea as carefully as you would for a grown-up party. They cannot enjoy the meal unless they are comfortable, and it matters a lot who is sitting next to whom.

Plan the games beforehand; children, when they're invited to a party, expect a party—not a rowdy gathering they could have practically any day.

Think of more games than are likely to be needed, so that if one begins to get a little flat you can start a new one before any one gets bored.

Try to keep the children as much to the same age as possible. Up to seven or eight years they like a mixed party, from eight to fourteen a gathering of their own sex, and from fourteen onwards a mixed one again.

All children are liable to get over-excited at a party and you can't really blame them if they get boisterous after an exciting game. It is a good idea to follow a noisy game by a quiet one; this gives the grown-ups a chance to explain what the next game is to be and how it is played.

If there are younger children at the party you must find some games that both they and the older children can enjoy. Games where music stops are good, as quite young children can understand what they have to do; but don't have too many games where the children fall out, as the babies won't understand why they can't go on playing.

And in games of skill, balloon-

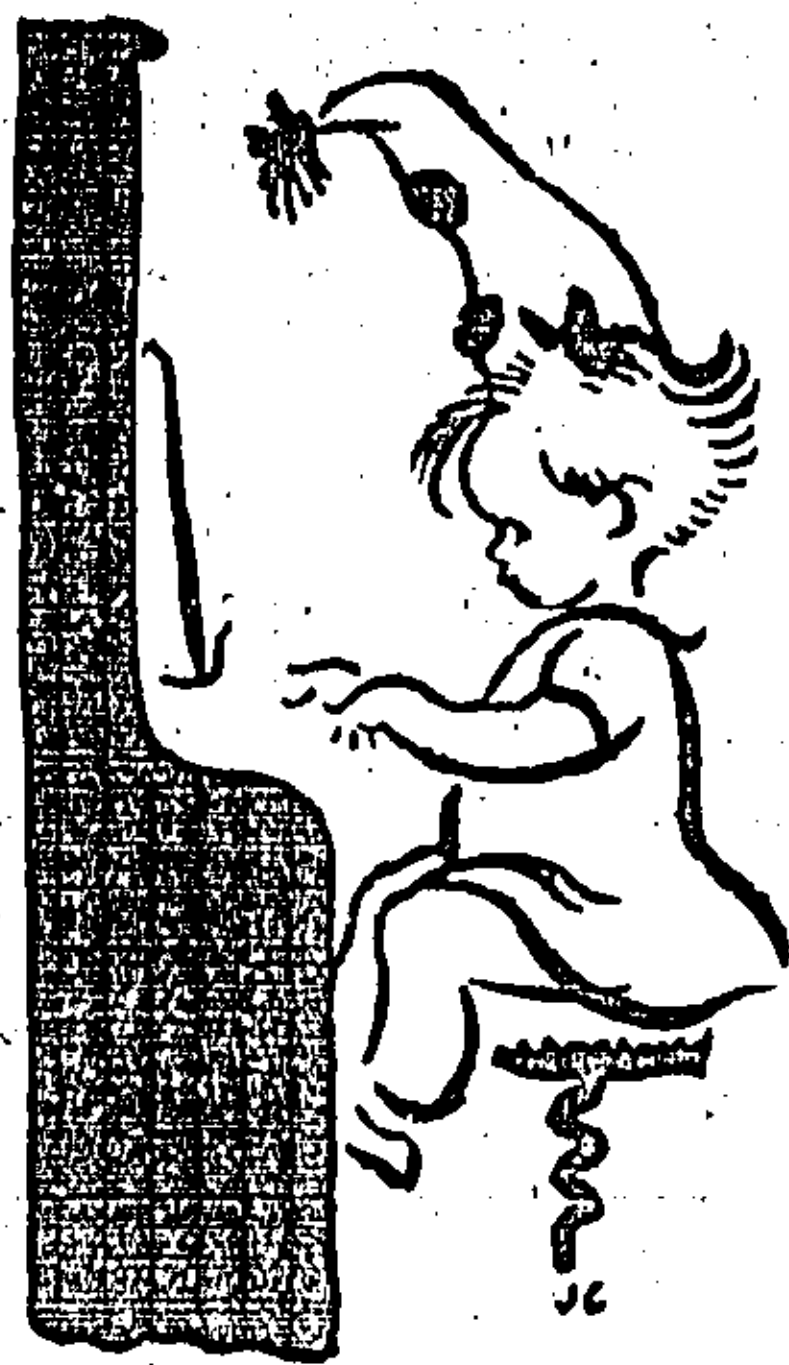


catching and so on, the younger children will spoil the game for the older ones by their lack of skill.

Musical Chairs, Musical Flop and Musical Mat are games every one knows and likes. Musical Flop is best for the small children; all they have to do is to sit on the floor when the music stops. The last one down is "out." In Musical Mat the children skip round the room and when the

music stops the one standing on a mat is counted out.

RATS, Rabbits and Flies is a noisy game, but a good one if you have plenty of room. The children stand in two rows facing one another, a few paces apart. One row are rabbits and the other rats. A grown-up stands between the rows.



If the leader says "rats," the rats turn and run to the wall behind them. The "rabbits" chase them and try to catch them. Any "rats" caught before they reach their wall join the "rabbits." If the leader says "rabbits" the "rats" do the chasing, but if she says "flies" neither line must move. Anybody who does must join the other line. The game goes on until all the players are on one side.

For quiet games the old guessing and hiding games are best. If you can spare any old curtains and clothes for dressing-up, charades are grand for the older children.

The younger ones can play Clobber, Clobber, Blend My Shoe, Poor Pussy and the Parson's Cat. Every one knows the first two; the last is played by the children taking it in turns to describe the cat with a different adjective beginning with the same letter. For instance, "The parson's cat is an attractive cat." "The parson's cat is an artful cat." And then for every one, there's always Postman's Knock.

NURSING LECTURES

Lectures and demonstrations will be given to members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service in the New Year on the following days:

January 4, 5.30 p.m., "First Aid" by Surgeon Captain Hobbs, Royal Naval Hospital;

January 5, 5.30 p.m., "Home Nursing" by Dr. Rosenbloom, Kowloon Hospital (Outpatients);

January 8, "Home Nursing" by Dr. Mary Gordon King, Queen Mary Hospital, 5.30 p.m.

The number of candidates attending these classes will be limited to 40. Further lectures will follow.

POWER GENERATION Sakahlén Coal Mining Co. To be Inaugurated

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
Designed to secure self-sufficiency in the supply of coal for power generation in Japan, the Sakahlén Coal Mining Co., will be inaugurated in February, with a capital of Yen 10,000,000, half paid up.

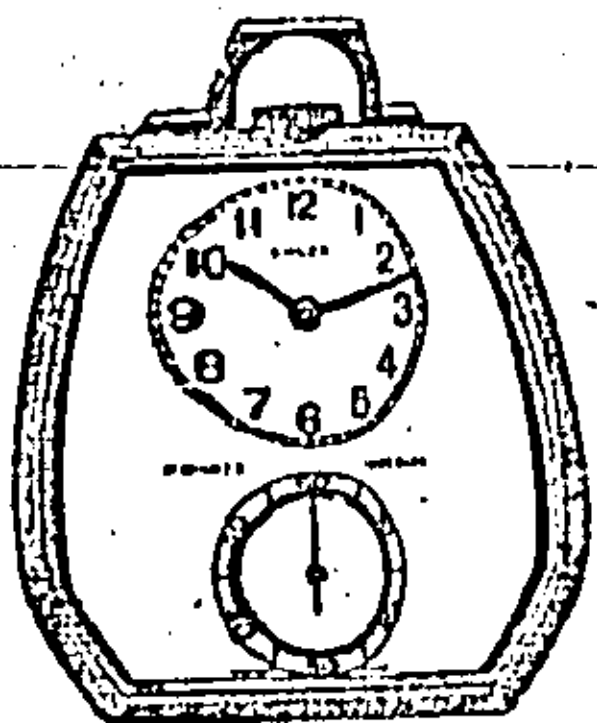
The whole stock of the new company will be held by the Japan Electric Power Supply Company, semi-official power industry control company, and the company will develop the mines at Chinnai and Nairo, in South Sakahlén, whose deposits are estimated at about 100,000,000 metric tons.

Mr. Takeshi Ono, vice-president of the Japan Electric Power Supply Company, will become the president of the new company.—Domei.

NEWSPAPERS REST

London, Dec. 21.
In spite of the war, the overworked newspapers in London are to take a holiday over Christmas. They will remain closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

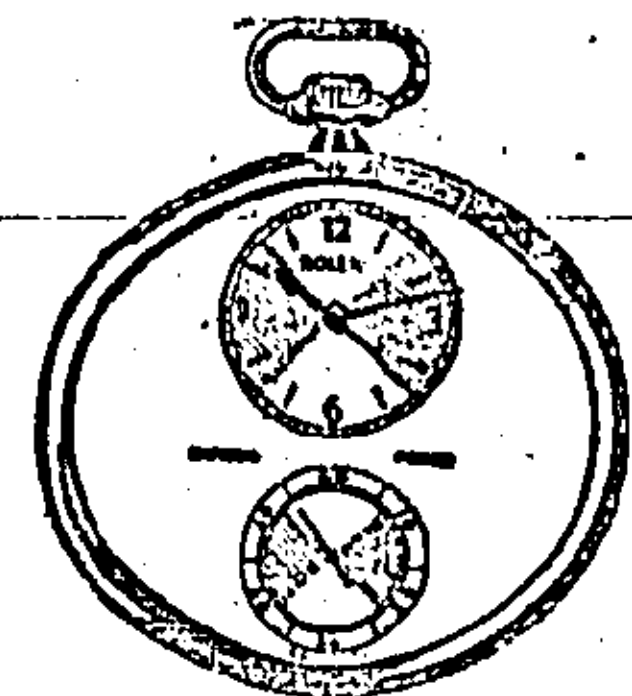
For 48 hours the British public will have to be content with the B.B.C. and foreign broadcasts for its information on European hostilities.—Reuter Special.



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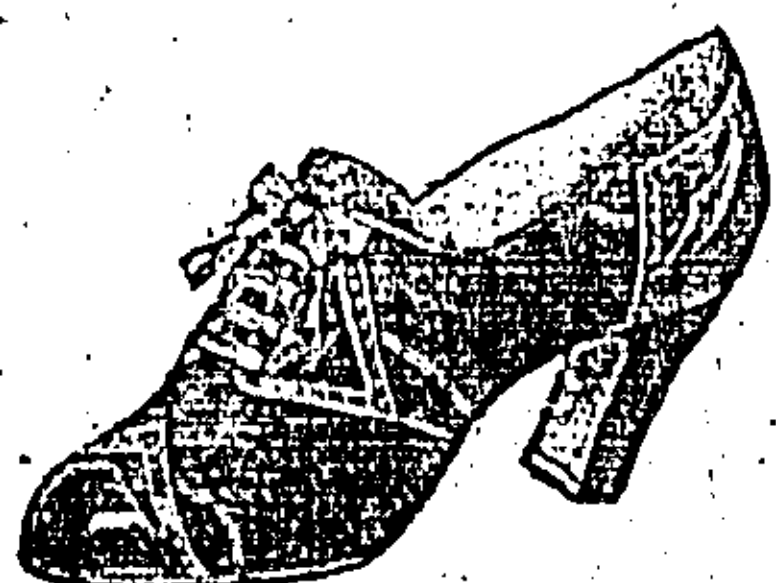
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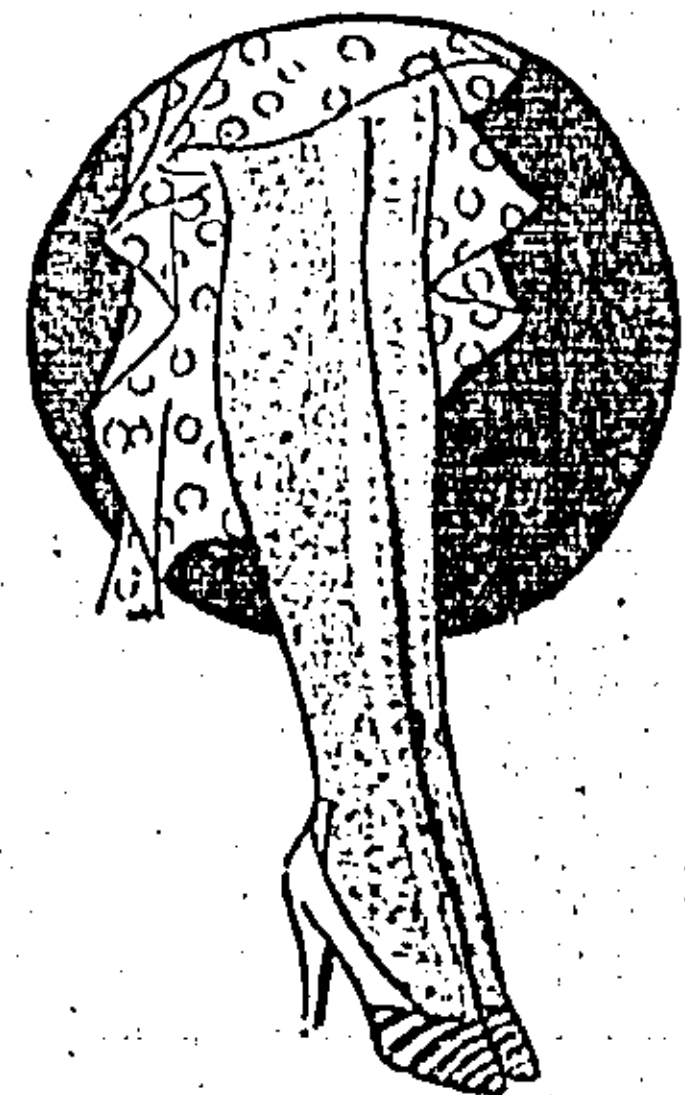
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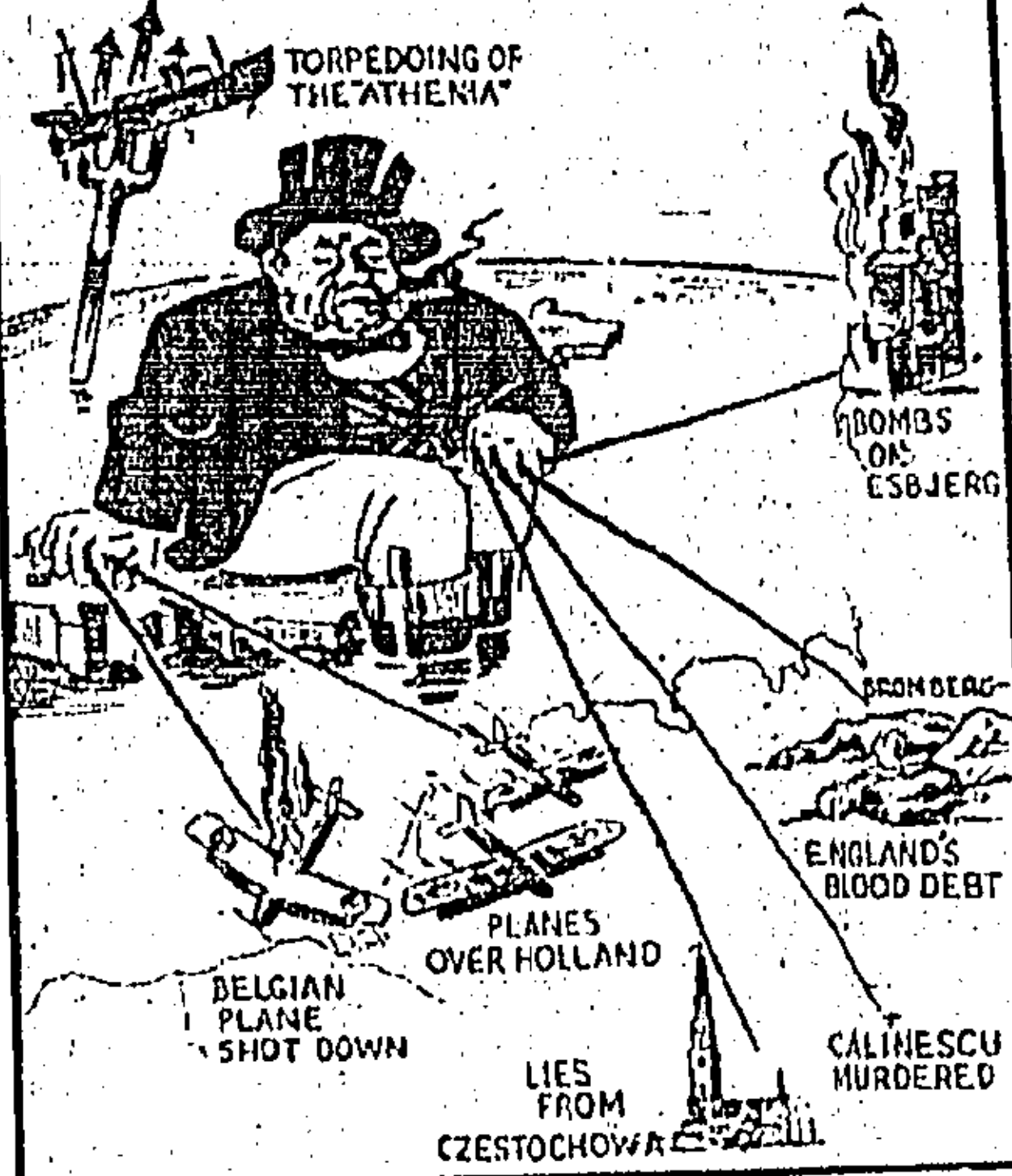
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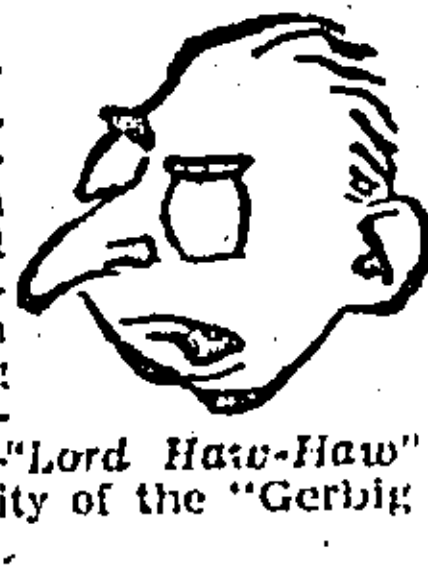
JOHN BULL IN NAZI EYES

A NAZI propaganda booklet bitterly attacking Britain has been received by thousands of people in Holland. Above is a reproduction of the cover bearing the words "That is England: World rule through Blood and Gold." On the right is a cartoon taken from the book (with the German words altered into English). Beneath the cartoon are the words, "This is how England fights: England's weapons are lies, directly propaganda, breaches of neutrality and murder."



Lord Haw-Haw Catches Cold

LORD HAW-HAW, of Germany's Radio Zeeman, has developed a nasty cold in the nose, writes Jonah Barrington. But that does not stop him being hurt, pained, indignant about the British blockade. "Lissen, Bridden," he sniffs. "Why don't you rebuke this blockade? There is nothing but a humane or chivalrous about it." In a furious attack upon "Mr. Wistone Churchill" he tells a fairly tale about "the large number of British ships being severely damaged"—and ex-Lord Haw-Haw tells the superiority of the "Gerbig airplanes."



Forced To Sleep Handcuffed

BECAUSE somebody at Holborn Empire, London, lost a key, John Oxford, actor villain of "Young England," awakened at dawn one day recently so that a policeman could release him from handcuffs in which he had slept the night.

In the last scene of the play the handcuffs are clapped on him as he is led off the stage under arrest. Then they are unlocked in time for Mr. Oxford to take the curtain.

But at the crucial moment on Friday night the key had vanished—and Mr. Oxford had to go home handcuffed.

"The taxi driver almost refused to take me," he said. "He apparently wanted to drive me to the nearest police station."

"My policeman friend was on duty so I went to bed till he arrived."

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SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

SHE MARRIED A DYING MAN

WHEELED to the altar on a stretcher 16 days before to be married to a girl he had known since his schooldays, Petty Officer William McLoughlin, of the Royal Navy, whose home was in Darlington, has died in hospital. At the time of the ceremony doctors knew that the bride-

groom would not live a month. But they did not tell.

Petty Officer McLoughlin, who was aged 23, had served in the Royal Navy four years. He became engaged to Miss Muriel Edith Winterlood, of Clapham-park, S.W.

They had met years before when Miss Winterlood lived with her parents in Darlington. While in Egypt McLoughlin contracted a disease which affected his heart.

Miss Winterlood decided that the wedding should take place on the day which they had arranged.

McLoughlin was wheeled into the chapel of the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar, near Gosport.

The hospital chapel had been decorated by the admiral's wife, and naval men and nurses watched the ceremony.

Surgeon Commander W. Mussen gave away the bride, and after the ceremony the bridegroom returned to the ward where he had lain for 13 weeks.

Mrs. McLoughlin spent most of her time by her husband's bedside up to the time of his death.

AMERICA PREPARES

Washington, Dec. 21.

The War Secretary Mr. Harry Woodring, broadcasting on national security and moral rearmament, declared that the over-widening circle of conflict now raging in Europe represented the greatest potential threat to American peace and security. Wars, like forest fires, are wont to spread from small beginnings. Security does not rest alone on the size of the nation's armament.

"My first duty is to see the United States Army is prepared to meet any threat of aggression. I am also vitally interested in the economic structure of the nation and the moral fibre of the nation."

Asking why nations failed to settle disputes round the council table, Mr. Woodring continued: "No wars, however just, can end wars. Wars only weaken and consume civilization. In Europe the ordinary diplomatic contacts are dwindling and there is an increasing need for a common meeting ground between nations. There is growing up throughout the world in recent months a vigorous body of opinion upholding that the future of civilization can only be secured on the foundation of honesty and faith, and which regards it a matter of honour not only to fulfil present pledges but also to admit and rectify past mistakes. American peace and security rests on the ability of the people to make America strong militarily, economically, morally and spiritually. The fight for moral rearmament gives the hope of war that can really end war."—Reuter.

Big British Purchase

Washington, Dec. 21.

According to the Washington Post, British interests have offered to buy American lumber valued at between £3,750,000 and £7,500,000, also 10 old ships for carrying lumber and cotton.

The paper adds that the deal depends on official approval for the sale of the ships.—Reuter Special.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Geneva, Dec. 21.

Some 140 officials of the League Secretariat were dismissed yesterday. With 80 others recalled by their respective countries for military service, the staff has been reduced by 220 since the war.—Reuter.

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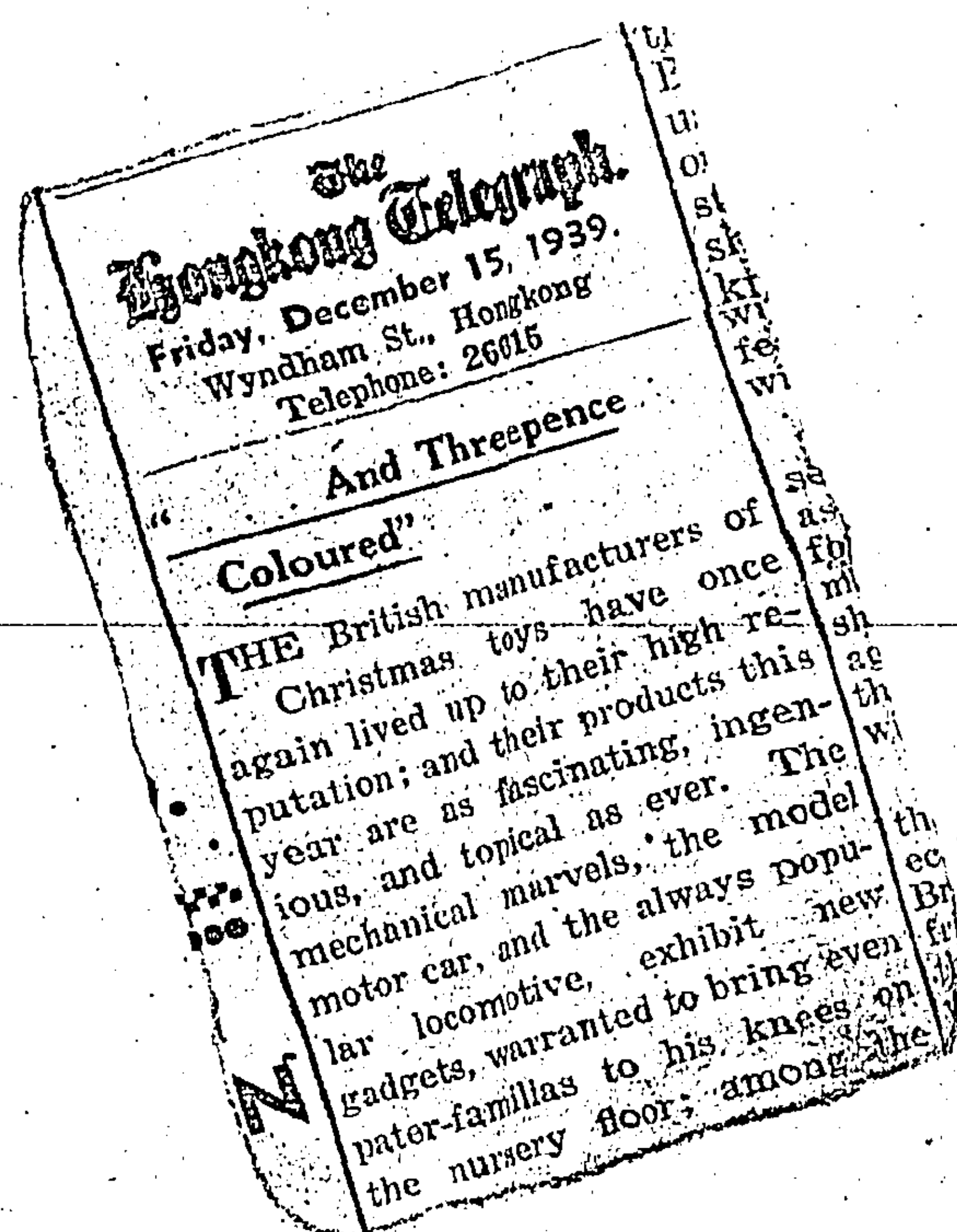
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LONDON.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs made a statement in the House of Commons recently regarding the unloading of cargoes of British ships in Chinese ports.

Mr. Hannah asked the Prime Minister the present conditions in which British vessels are permitted by the Japanese to moor in and unload their cargoes at Chinese coastal ports, with particular reference to Tientsin, Tainiao, and Chefoo; and whether there has been any alleviation of the delays and hindrances of which complaint has been made?

Mr. Butler: In North China, the wharfage facilities made available to third-power shipping at Tientsin continue to be inadequate. At Chefoo pressure has been brought to bear on Chinese merchants to ship by other than British vessels, but the situation according to reliable unofficial reports is now stated to be somewhat easier. At Tientsin British ships have been subjected to certain delays owing to examination imposed by the Japanese military authorities as part of the blockade of the concessions. In South China certain ports such as Foochow and Wenchow have been blocked by mines laid by the Japanese, whilst at others, including Canton and Swatow, which are in Japanese occupation, temporary arrangements have been made for periodical visits by British ships.

Mr. Hannah: Is not this position rather unsatisfactory?

Mr. Butler: I think that that accurately describes it.

NEW C. IN C.
FOR NORE

ADMIRAL Sir Reginald Plunkett-Erle-Drax has relieved Admiral Sir Studholme Brownrigg as Commander-in-Chief of the Nore at Chatham, one of the most important naval commands.

Admiral Brownrigg, who is 58, had held the appointment since January. Previously Admiral Sir E. R. Evans ("Evans of the Broke") was in command from 1935.

Admiral Plunkett-Erle-Drax is 59. He headed the British Military Delegation to Moscow last summer.

Only Airman Admiral

He is the only admiral who has an air pilot's licence, and his favourite proverb is said to be "Fortune loves a daring sailor."

During the last war he was one of Lord Bessy's staff, and served in the battles of Heligoland, Dogger Bank, and Jutland. From 1935 to 1936 he was Commander-in-Chief of the Plymouth Station.

Latest Graf Spee
"Explanation"

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—In official Nazi circles it is now said that the scuttling of the Graf Spee was ordered so as to avoid the risk of technical secrets falling into foreign hands if she was interned.

First Pictures Of The
Flying Sailors

These are the first pictures to be taken since the beginning of the war at a Fleet Air Arm station, where men drawn from the ranks of the Navy are taught to combine the duties of signaller and gunner. A typical pupil (above) is seen adjusting his helmet before going up.

YORKSHIRE
BOYS' MINE
INVENTION

MINISTRY OF SUPPLY experts are reporting on a new type of aerial bomb invented by a 13-year-old Yorkshire boy.

It has already passed a preliminary inspection by the section of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research attached to the Ministry.

The young inventor is John Clough, whose home is at Utley, near Kettlewell. He is a pupil of Rydal Junior School, Colwyn Bay, North Wales.

HOLIDAY IDEA

"I got the idea for the bomb," he said "during the summer holidays. Two other boys, Pask and Anderson, aged 12 and 14, helped me to get out the design. I sent it to the Ministry of Supply a fortnight ago."

"This is the first time I have thought about bombs. Previously I was more interested in building model railway engines."

The Bureau of Rydal School, Mr. J. A. Knowles, said "Clough is always bringing me new ideas in engines and other things. We believe he will prove to be a mechanical genius."

"FIRST-CLASS"

The plans for the bomb aroused great interest among members of the Research Department at the Ministry.

One member said: "The boys have got a first-class idea. The plans were beautifully executed and the boys must have put in many hours on the work."

Armed British Liner
Not A Warship

QUITO, ECUADOR.

A claim by the German Legation here that the British liner California (16,702 tons) should be treated as a warship because she carried guns, has been rejected by the Ecuador Government.

The California had put into the Ecuador port of Guayaquil.

Hog Upholds
Name

COHUNA, (U.P.)—A big Yorkshire-bear, shipped here from Melbourne, made a veritable pig of itself en route. It broke out of its crate, ate various shipments of vegetables that were in the same car, a crate of cheese and rooted into boxes of women's silk stockings and other garments.

Bet Lost; He's
Thankful

WOODLAND, (U.P.)—Clyde Vickers believes he may have saved the life of his wife by betting \$72 on a horse which lost. The money was to have been sent to his wife in Chicago for her return passage aboard the streamlined City of San Francisco which was wrecked near Elko, Nev. Because of the losing bet, he had to

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Illdegarde, The Hill Billies and Others.

2.15 Close Down.

0.00 Brahms' "Waltzes, Op. 39. Anatole Ktikan at the Piano.

6.13 Brahms—Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98. Felix Weingartner conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

8.32 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.54 Selections from "La Traviata," "Les Francs Juges," "La Gioconda," "The Pearl Fishers," "Un Ballo in Maschera."

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Jazz Piano Recital by Hal Lorenzo.

8.20 Al Hollington at the Organ.

8.33 Dance Music.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

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9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 "Band Wagon." With Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

10.07 Dance Music.

10.30 London Relay—"Hail Pantomime." Extracts from coming Pantomimes from all over England.

11.00 Close Down.

HONOUR FOR STALIN

Moscow, Dec. 21.
The Presidium of the Supreme Court has conferred on Stalin on the occasion of his 60th birthday the Order of Lenin, the highest award in the Soviet Union, and the title "Hero of Socialist Labour."—Reuter.

Resignation Demand

Japanese Cabinet Loses Nation's Confidence

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
The Jikyoku Doshikai, a small independent political group, including a few insurgent members of the Diet, passed a resolution demanding the resignation of the Cabinet on the grounds of its vacillating policy resulting in the loss of the nation's confidence.—United Press.

Settlement Wanted

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
Over 600 influential figures of political, diplomatic and military circles voluntarily meeting in Tokyo today adopted a resolution encouraging the Government to redouble its efforts for an effective settlement of the China Affair.

The resolution urges the Government to accomplish the final objective of the crusade in China in accordance with the solidly united resolution of the nation;

To suppress all movements aiming at co-operation with the Soviet Union;

To prevent stealthy activities of Communists;

To revise policies for internal reform;

To guard against excessive regards for the United States or Great Britain.

Among the prominent movers of the resolution were Mr. Hachiro Arita, former Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsujiro Tokumitsu, leader of the Minseitō Party and former Minister of Communications, General Baron Takashi Hishikari, former Commander-in-Chief of the Kwantung Army, and General Jinzaburo Mazaki, former Inspector-General of Military Education.—Domei.

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Sandy McPherson was travelling to Glasgow, and on the way felt thirsty, so he took out a bottle and unscrewed the cap. Just as he was about to take a taste a fellow passenger in clerical garb addressed him: "Excuse me, sir, but I'm sixty-five years of age, and I have never tasted a drop of whisky." "Damn, worry yourself," said Sandy, "you're no' gainn the start noo."

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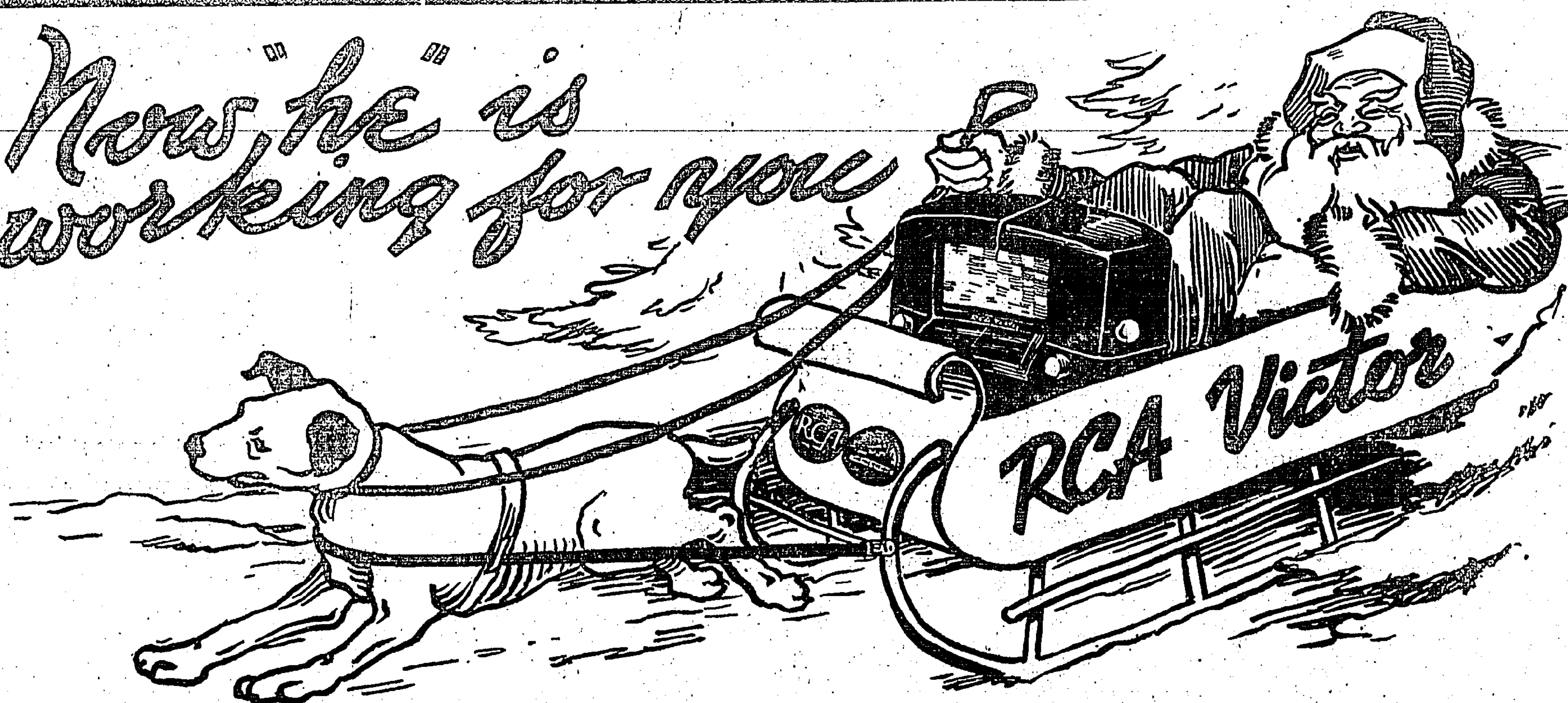
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'HITLERISM' IS NOT JUST HITLER

HITLERISM CAN BE DESTROYED ONLY IN
ONE WAY—BY THE SWORD.

Sir Edward Grigg, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ministry of Information, made this statement at Al-
trincham recently.

Speaking to his constituents, he said that the German nation
was like a splendid ship under pirate control, driven forward by
wicked men drunk and blind with power.

"Do not doubt that hard days and bitter times will come. Do
not object to boredom when every week of it means that we are
stronger by comparison with our
enemy and better prepared.

"Delayed action on our side
does not mean we have lost one jot
of determination to end the German
overshadowing Europe, for the last
three or four years.

"The ruthless destruction of Poland
has not shaken this nation, but given
it an even more burning faith in the
justice of its cause.

"Hitlerism, which we have pledged
ourselves to destroy, is something
much stronger and more pervasive
than the mind and character of a
single man.

"There would be no Hitler to-day
if the German people were not sus-
ceptible to crude and brutal leader-
ship of the type he represents.

"There would be no Hitler to-day
if there had not been in every Ger-
man street and village a number of
men ready and willing to inflict on
their own compatriots the awful
cruelties and tyrannies which mark
his regime.

One Remedy

"The evil things in Germany at
present dominate the good, and there
is only one means by which that
saturnal spirit in Germany can be
destroyed—the sword."

Sir Edward said that Britain did
not seek a dictated peace, but a peace
by agreement in which all peoples,
including Germany, would play their
part.

"We seek a peace guaranteed by
general acceptance—not a peace
which is guaranteed by the strength
of two or three dominant Powers,
while other peoples remain weak and
disarmed," he added.

Force Necessary

"There must be force behind all
law; but the wider the consent on
which the law is based, the less the
danger that force will have to be
used.

"We shall strive also for the
economic welfare, not merely of the
victorious countries, but of Europe as
a whole.

"The greatest weakness of the
Treaty of Versailles and the sister

TUCKER IN SHANGHAI

Not Conscious Of Breaking Law In Japan

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Rev. Luther Tucker was met by his
wife and two daughters upon his
arrival from Kobe this morning.

Father Tucker said: "It is clear
I was guilty of violating the law. I
was held because of the literature
which I distributed, the nature of
which I am not free to discuss; but
it was clearly disturbing the domes-
tic peace and order of Japan.

"I was not conscious that I was
breaking the law. I actually violated
two laws, one against spreading false
information and rumours and the
other a special regulation against
'disturbing literature,' preventing any
information from raising questions
for the establishment of a new order.

"During my entire detention I was
never under the slightest duress,
pressure or hardship. As Secretary
of the World's Student Christian
Federation I helped interpret the
obligations of the Japanese to each
other, aiming to avert a break in
Christian fellowship. In Japan, this
meant helping the Christians under-
stand the nature of some of the
tragic consequences of the war."

It will be recalled that Father
Tucker was convicted of the charges
in a Japanese Court at Kyoto several
days ago.—United Press.

treasures was their blindness to the
economic needs of the various new
States set up.

"Europe will, I hope, come to
realise that without co-operation on
a scale unknown in the past they
cannot hope to be either safe or
prosperous."

SOLDIERS' FAMILY News By Radio

Germany has "lost" 10,000 people
who were living in the Saar.

All German wireless stations have
been broadcasting long lists of names,
with their former addresses, of people
from that region whose whereabouts
are unknown.

The conclusion drawn, says Reuter,
is that the evacuation of the Saar
was carried out in such a hurry that
the authorities do not know where
evacuees have gone.

The reading of the names re-
cently, as on previous days, was
followed by an urgent appeal to re-
port at once, as many of those al-
ready called have not yet put in an
appearance.

Bremen's Master Honoured

It is now announced that, as a
reward for reaching Germany, the
owners of the M.D.E. liner Bremen,
31,000 tons, have conferred the title
of Commodore on the master, Capt.
Adolf Ahrens.

Births Announced by Radio

A broadcast concert for German
troops was interrupted by a gram-
ophone record of a child's cry. This
prefaced the reading of a long list
of babies born to the wives of men
at the front.

The announcement of the birth of
a seventh son in one soldier's family
was coupled with the statement that
Hitler would send godfather to the
child.

Another soldier, stationed in the
Siegfried Line, was told by the radio
of a new arrival, bringing his family
up to 12.

A Berlin firm promised free per-
ambulators for the first 25 babies
announced in the list.

Glossing Over Bad News

Berlin radio reported that 20 per-
sons were killed and more injured in
a railway accident on the Berlin-
Salzburg line.

This news was mentioned as un-
obtrusively as possible, the announcer
saying it till the end of his broad-
cast.

Ludendorff's Cult

The fortnightly magazine, "At the
Holy Place of German Power,"
which was founded by Gen. Luden-
dorff and was published after his
death by his widow, has ceased
publication. It was devoted largely
to the cult of Germanic theology
and Teutonic mysticism.

Gen. Ludendorff was Field-Marshal
von Hindenburg's Chief of Staff in
the last war.

Spy Boheaded

A spy, whose name is given as
Hermann Kneger, was executed by
the axe, according to a German
broadcast.

He had been found guilty of work-
ing against Germany in favour of
foreign Powers.

THEOSOPHISTS MEET

The Re-birth of Nations was the
subject of a lecture given by Mr.
Percy Chen to the Theosophical So-
ciety yesterday, which he chose as
a fruitful subject to discuss with the
death of nations occurring all around.
The speaker dealt with the periods
of decadence through which nations
pass before they cease to exist and
referred to the case of Abyssinia,
Albania, Austria and Czechoslova-
kia.

Mr. Chen dealt at length with
Young China, which still lives, and
outlined the principles guiding it in
the task of regeneration of the
nation.

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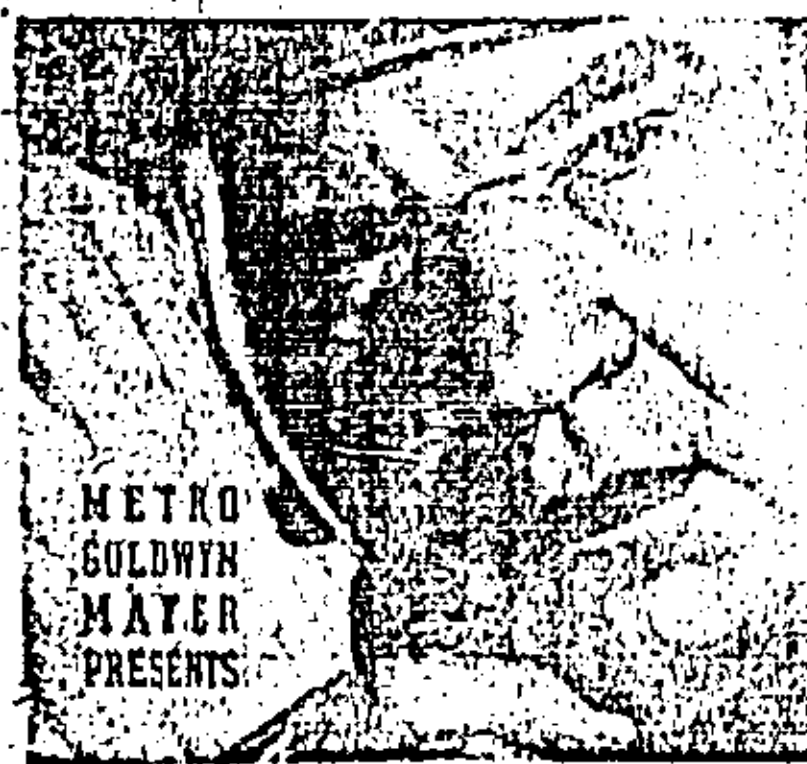
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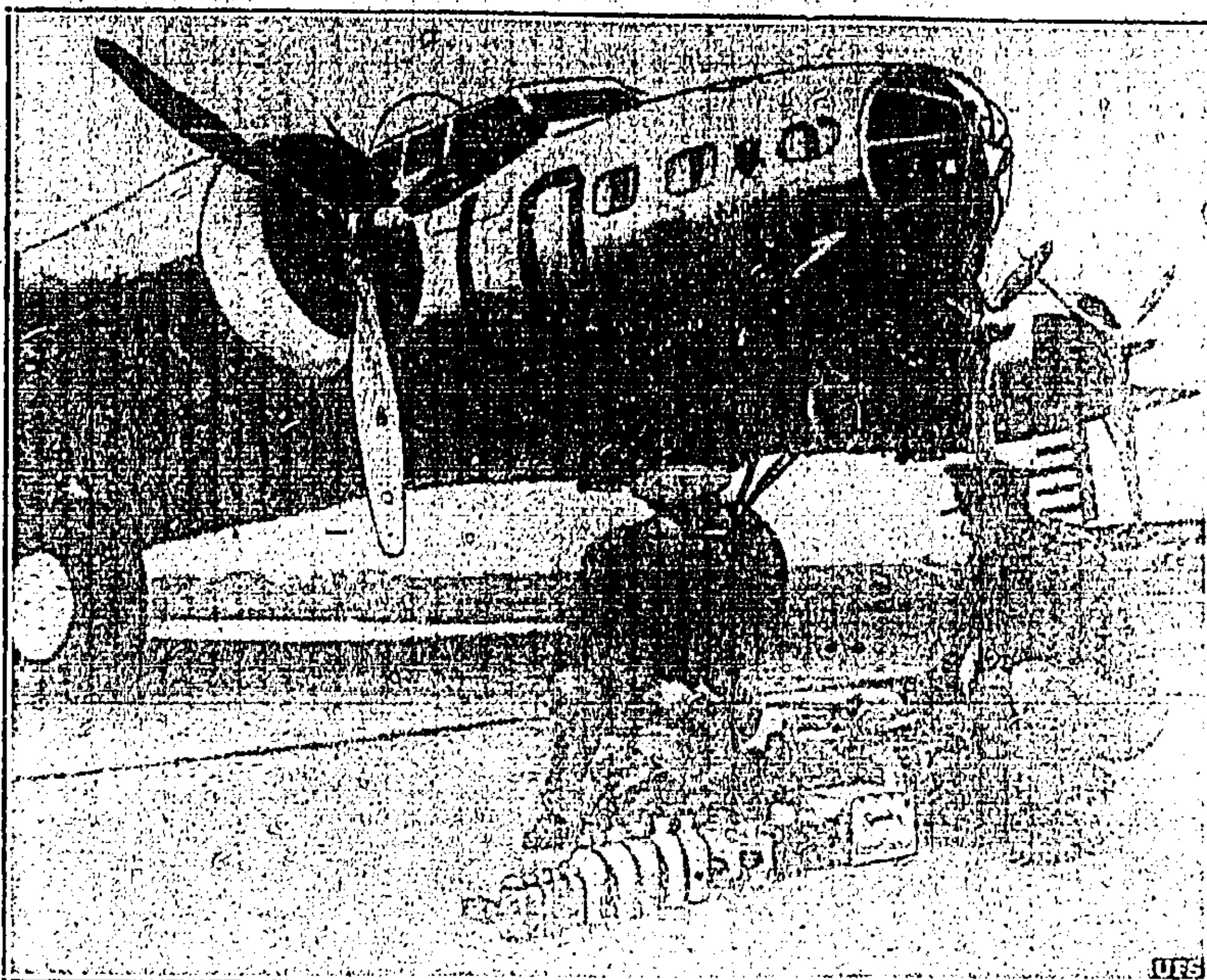
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GHQ air force, and Lieut. Commander Robert C. Olds, flight leader, confer.

Was Friend Of Mr. Gladstone Death Of Famed Nonagenarian

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).
A man who was a personal
friend of Mr. Gladstone and who
served in the House of Commons
under twelve Premiers, has just
died.

He is Lord Shuttleworth, who was
born 95 years ago.

As far back as 1869 he became a
Liberal M.P. for the Hastings Divi-
sions and he sat in the House of
Commons until 1902, representing the
Clitheroe Division of Lancashire for
the last 17 years.

Lost Two Sons In Last War
He was a member of the London
School Board from 1889 to 1892, and
in 1899 he was appointed Under-
Secretary in the India Office. He
was Secretary to the Admiralty from
1902 to 1909, and chairman of the
Royal Commission on Canals from
1906 to 1911.

The son of the first Baronet, Lord
Shuttleworth was created a Baron in
1902. He was created a Privy Coun-
cillor in 1889 and was Lord Lieuten-
ant of Lancashire, and President of
the County Territorial Association
from 1902 to 1920.

Two of his sons were killed in the
Great War, and the heir is his grand-
son, Richard Paul Kay-Shuttleworth.

Old Convict's Mistake

LONDON.
When George Buckland, aged
27, a convict on licence, was charged
at the East Surrey Quarter Sessions
with housebreaking at Huddersfield
boasted in a written statement:
"This is the third time after two
lots of penal servitude, but I know
I can beat you all as I have not done
enough to get back to penal again."

"I have you all licked. You have
not got enough power, Mr. Judge, to
send me back to a convict prison."
"You can only send me to a local
for the limit of my licence and when
I come out I will have another go."
He was sentenced to three years'
penal servitude.

His offence was breaking and
entering with intent to commit a
felony. He pleaded Not Guilty.

Egypt Builds Arms Caves

CAIRO, (U.P.)—A railway line
which will be used exclusively to
carry munitions from Cairo to caves
four miles away is being built by
the Egyptian government. The
caves, many of which are air-condi-
tioned and supplied with electricity,
can withstand the most powerful
bombs.

Wagon In Use 107 Years

NEW CONCORD, (U.P.)—R.Y.
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his farm a wagon which has been in
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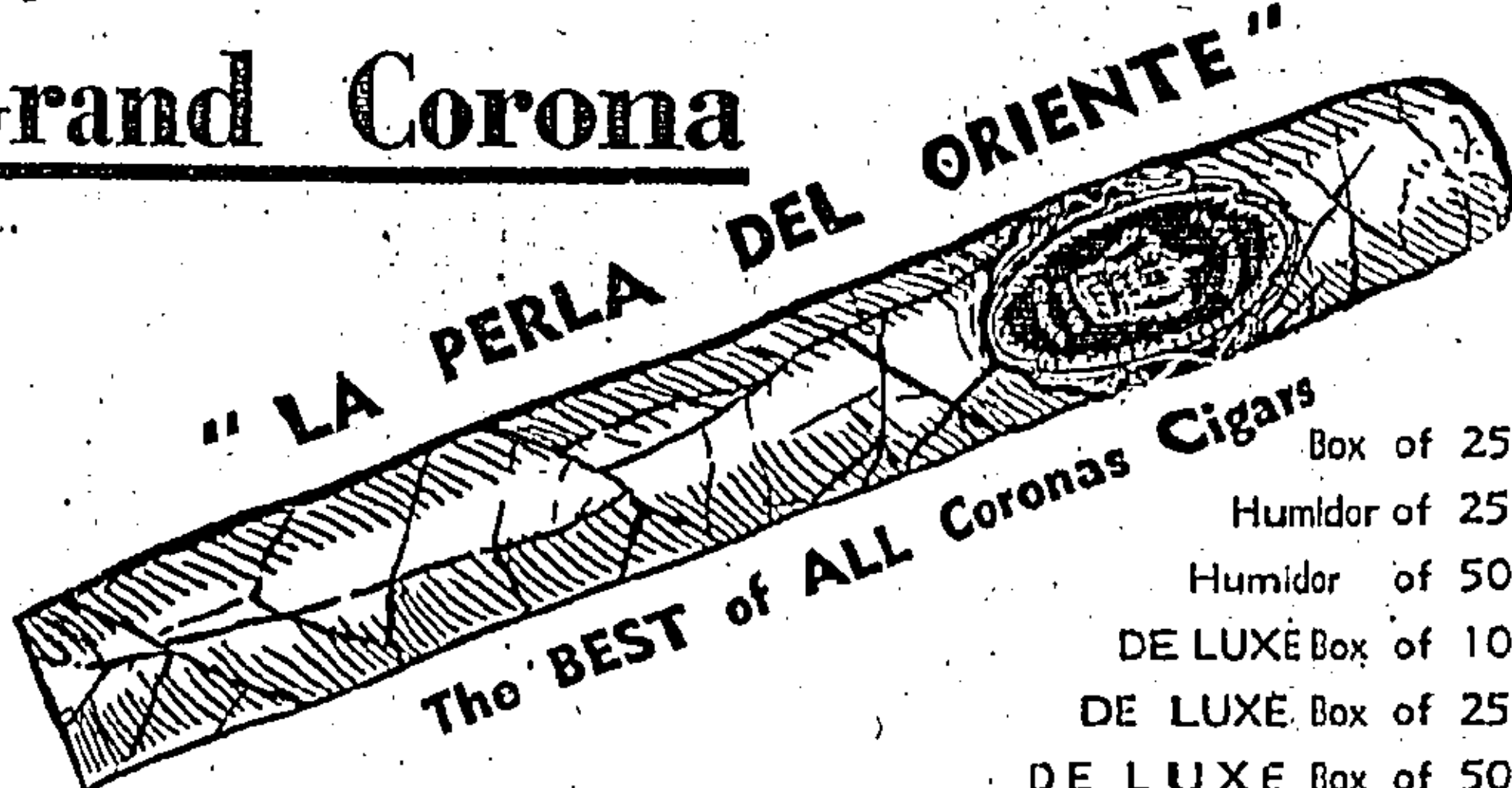


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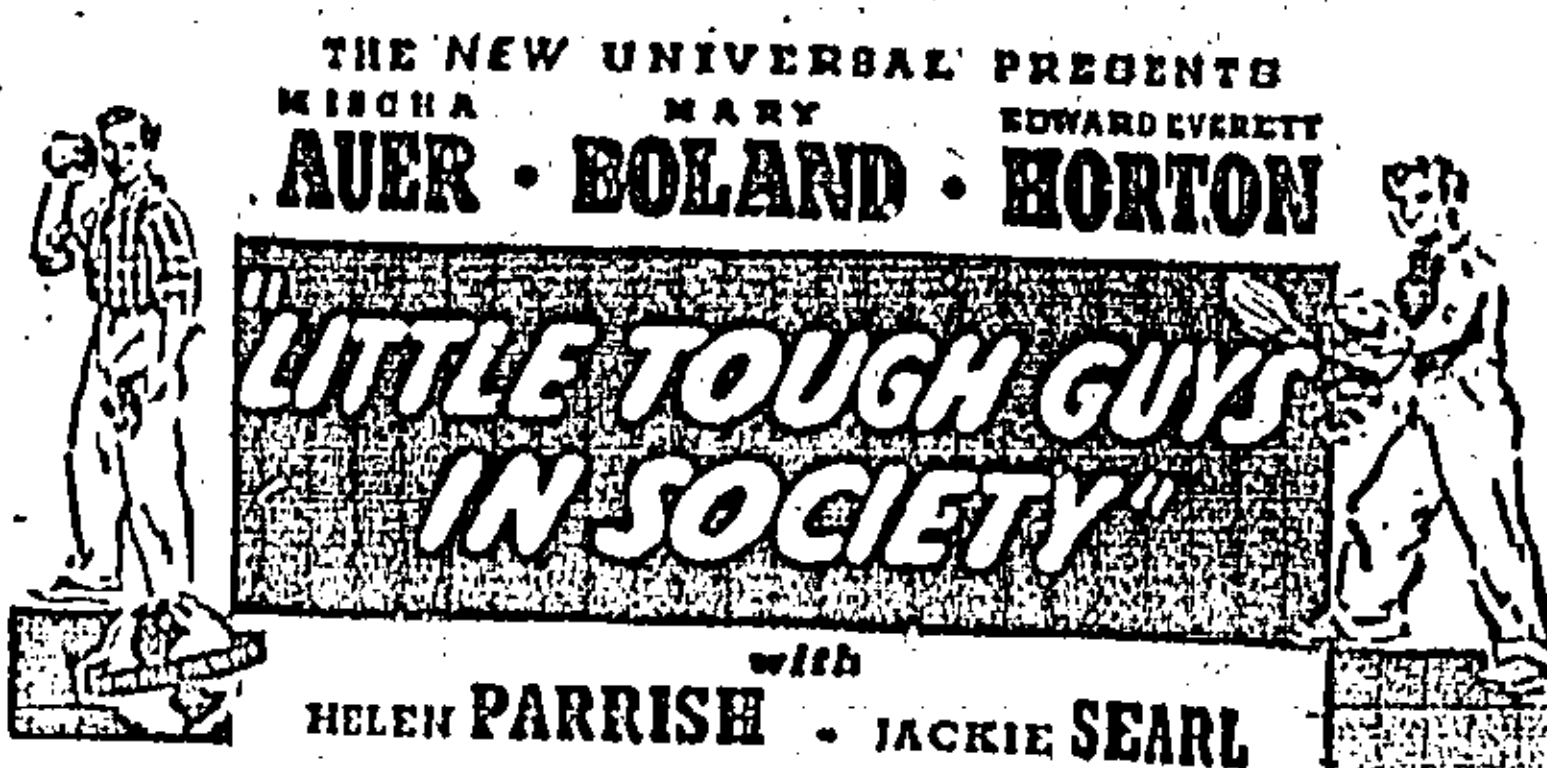
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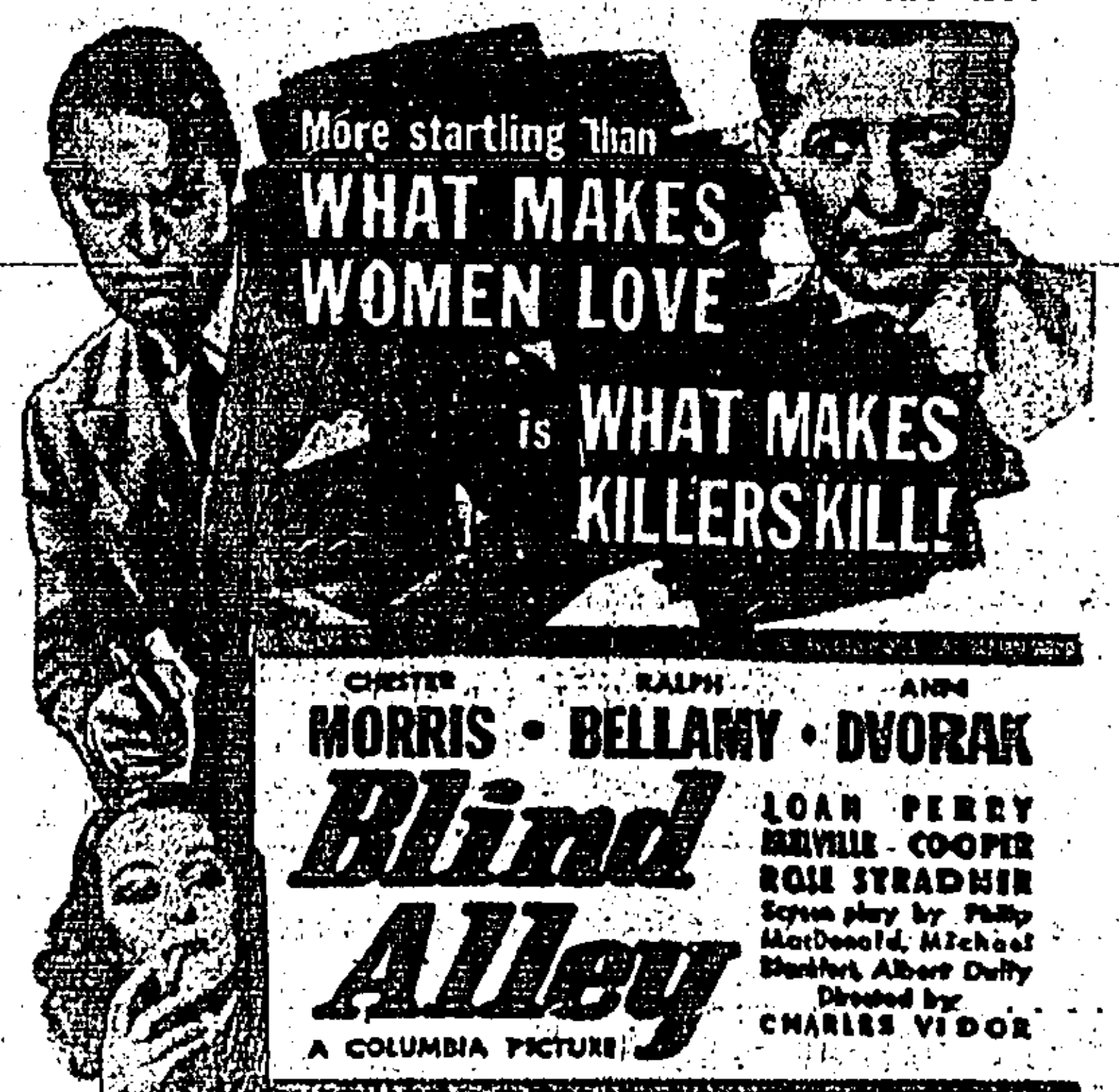


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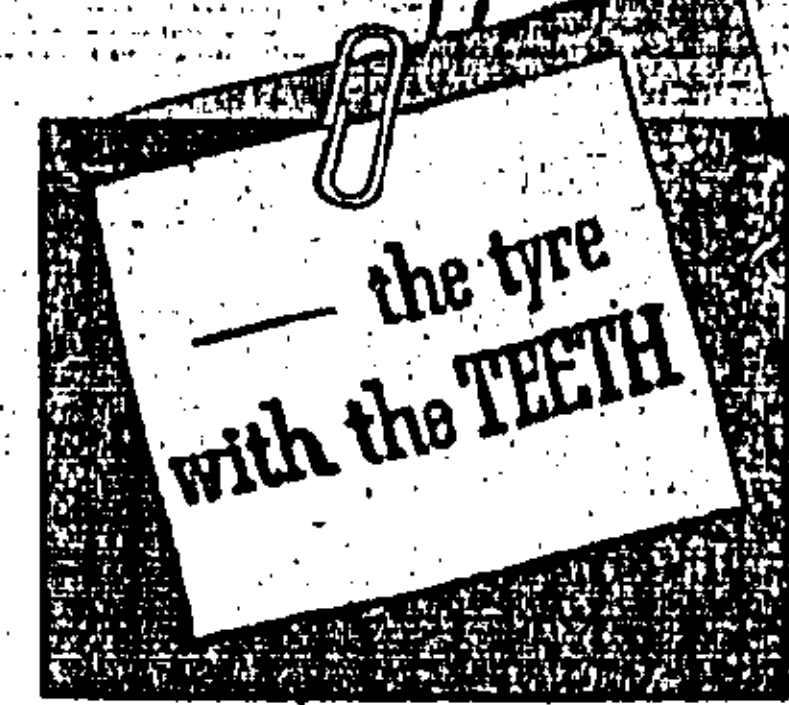
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Heavy Air Raids On Helsingfors But Few Casualties

STALIN'S BIRTHDAY GIFT TO FINLAND WAS BOMBS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, DEC. 21 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED THAT RED PLANES, IN A BRIGHT BLUE SKY, ROARED IN THREE WAVES ALONG THE SOUTH COAST, STRAFED TWO TRAINS AND BOMBED THE PRINCIPAL CITIES INCLUDING THE HELSINGFORS HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

However, Finnish Army officials reported they marked Stalin's birthday by repulsing powerful new attacks on the Karelian Isthmus and pressing their counter-offensive on the east front and regaining some lost ground in the far north.

Officially, more than 30 bombs dropped within the city limits of Helsingfors, some of which damaged an emergency Red Cross station, the Nurses' Dormitory and a hospital building containing a children's play room, an operating room and several other structures in the hospital zone, most of which had been previously evacuated.

AIR BATTLE OVER UTRECHT

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—Hundreds of people in the streets watched an air battle fought over Utrecht to-day between Dutch and foreign planes.

The nationality of the foreign planes is not yet disclosed.

The foreign machines finally put out a smoke-screen and disappeared. London Has No Knowledge LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—It is learned that the Air Ministry has no knowledge of the reported air battle over Holland.

British Tributes To Capt. Langsdorff

REDEEMED HIMSELF

Suicide As Protest Of Whole Nazi Navy

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—The British Press to-day devoted the bulk of its comments to the suicide of Captain Langsdorff, drawing conclusions from it as to Hitler's notion of sea warfare.

The "Times" pays tribute to Capt. Langsdorff as a seaman and says that it is a tragedy that such men to-day cannot serve their country save in the livery of a master, whom in their hearts they must despise.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that Capt. Langsdorff has moved from the feared nothing but dishonour. He could not endure the ignominy which Hitler imposed on him and he redeemed himself.

Ruthless Terrorism
Discussing the attacks on defenceless fishing craft by Nazi planes, the paper says that this is an equal tribute to Hitler's methods.

Slaughter of this kind is not an operation of war but ruthless terrorism.

All the worst tactics of the old German Navy have been taken over by Hitler as a going concern.

Few Lines Obituary

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—German newspapers gave only a few lines to the death of Capt. Langsdorff, although two weeks ago he was being hailed as a great naval victor.

Officials said they had not been informed of reports that several of the raiders had been brought down but said two persons had been killed in Helsingfors and three were killed elsewhere.

Five bombs were dropped in one small village near the capital and six more in another small village nearby.

During the last of four alarms, planes were heard over the capital rail-stations. All trains were stopped but no bombs fell.

On the night of Helsingfors, three floors of a five-story dwelling but did not explode.

Fifteen houses were set afire and ten demolished at Abo, while two were set afire at Tammerfors, both places on the south coast.

It is feared the casualties were high in both towns.

Ten bombs were dropped on Hangö Island; 12 on the hills or in the river around Provo and 12 in the nearby town of Lappvik.

Cold Aids Finns

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—Soviet planes to-day raided Helsingfors.

The cold weather is being maintained and the Finns, who are better equipped to meet it, hope that the temperature will drop even lower, especially as it is reported that most of the Soviet troops come from central and southern Russia.

54 Degrees Of Frost

In the Far North, it is not so cold as on the previous day when 54 degrees of frost was experienced.

It has stopped snowing.

In this area, the Finns claim to have made a valuable bombing raid, hitting the Soviet planes whose pilots had surrendered rather than fight the Finns.

They bombed one Murmansk-Leningrad Railway, the main route of supply to the Russians on the Polar front.

Finnish Victory Verified

On the central front, where the Soviets are trying to cut through to the Gulf of Bothnia, neutral correspondents have been able to verify reports of a big Finnish victory after several days of fighting.

At one place, they saw the remains of a Russian camp which was wiped out on Tuesday night when the Finns came through the forests and down the slopes on their skis, and picked off the Soviets as they stood there.

It was so cold that none of the wounded survived. The frozen bodies of Soviet troops were too numerous to count, neutral observers report.

Hospitals Bombed

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—It is now learned that three hospitals were hit in the raid this afternoon, namely the Orthopaedic, Sisters of Mercy and the Blind School.

Thirty high-explosive bombs were dropped by 12 planes.

Two of these planes are reported to have been shot down.

There were very few casualties.

Bombs were also dropped near a military hospital and a Red Cross dressing station.

South Coast Towns Raided

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—Soviet warplanes raided towns all along Finland's south coast from Borgu, 80 miles east of Helsingfors, to Abo, 100 miles west of the capital, dropping about 60 bombs, 30 of

which were rained on Helsingfors and its suburbs.

Returning from Helsingfors to Abo, the Russian airmen swooped down on an express train and raked it with machine-gun fire.

Two people were reported killed and two wounded.

A second train was similarly attacked but there were no casualties.

Two separate raids occurred at Helsingfors and its suburbs.

When the Orthopaedic Hospital was hit, an operation was in progress.

Karelian Isthmus Fighting

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—A communiqué issued to-day states that in the Karelian Isthmus enemy attacks continued.

Russians have suffered many losses and have made no progress.

Eight Soviet tanks were destroyed.

The Finns bombarded Russian rear-guard detachments, inflicting heavy casualties.

On the north-east front, the Finnish advance towards Salla has continued.

Enemy aircraft continued their attacks yesterday, mostly being repulsed.

The Finns brought down six planes but 23 civilians, including women and children, were killed.

Telephones Discontinued

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—Telephone communication with Helsingfors was completely cut this afternoon.

RUSSIA'S BLUNDER

Committed To A Losing War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuters).

Events are proving that Russia did not intend to commit herself to a major campaign in Finland, states "Reuters" military correspondent.

The invasion was apparently conceived by the Soviet Staff as a "walk-over," but it has failed already owing to the inadequacy of initial preparations.

Many of the tanks which fell into the hands of the Finns have run completely out of fuel.

The weather has now come to the aid of the Finns and both sides find land operations in the heavy snow impossible.

Delay Will Aid Finns

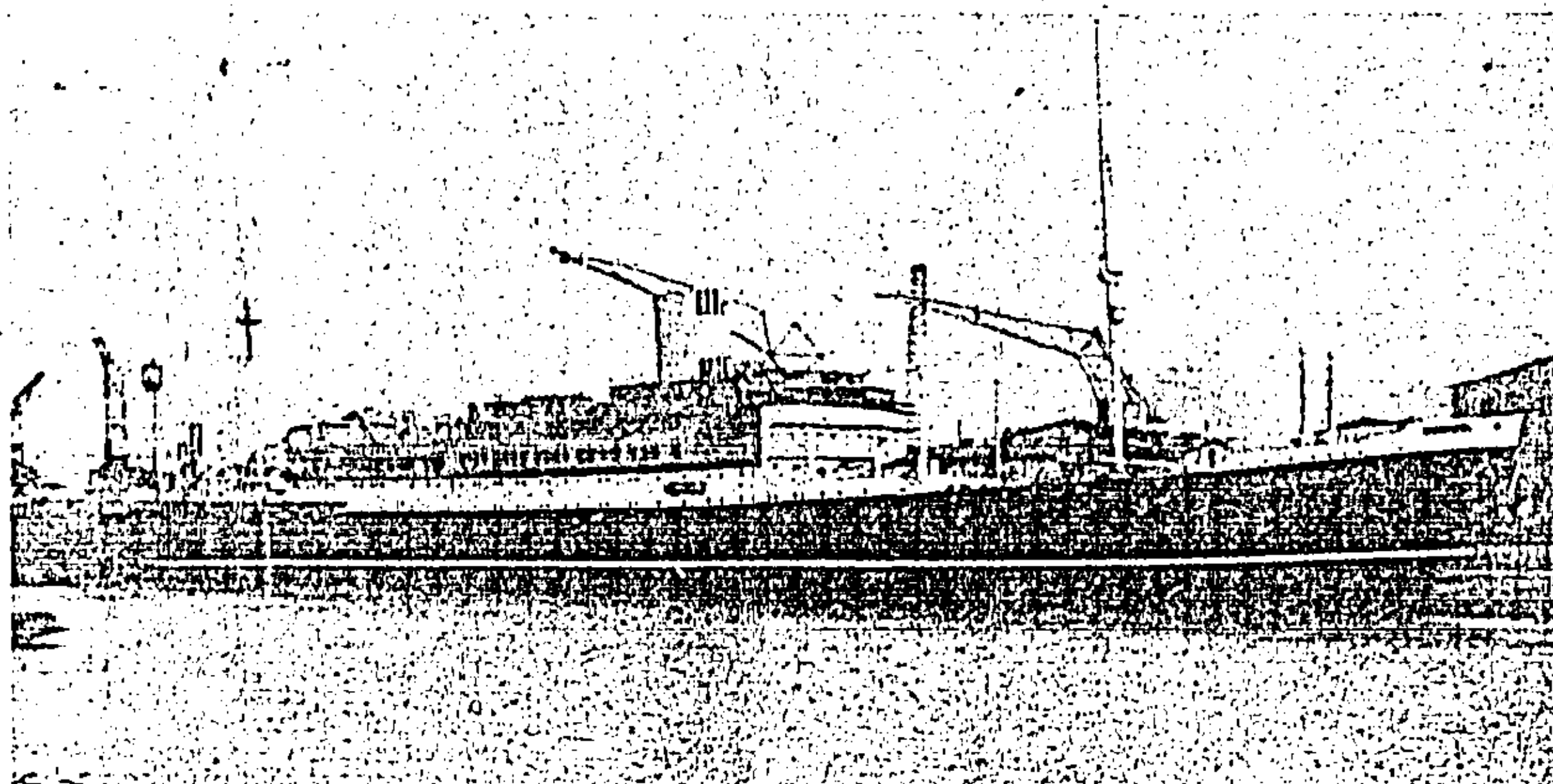
The "wasp waist" drive towards the Gulf of Bothnia seems likely to be held up until the snows melt in the spring.

The operation against the Mannerheim Line is likely to be spasmodic, while in the extreme north, owing to the intense cold, it is unlikely that there will be any further developments.

Delay will be in Finland's favour. Reinforcements in money and material at least will be forthcoming and some proportion of her troops may be able to rest and re-organise.

Danish Diplomatic Appointments

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that the Government has "deemed it opportune in the present circumstances" to appoint naval attaches to the Legations in London and Berlin.



THE N.D.L. LINER GNEISENAU.

N.D.L. Liner Gneisenau Reported Sunk By Explosion In Baltic

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, DEC. 21 (DOMEI).—RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM LATVIAN CIRCLES HERE REPORT THAT THE 18,180-TON NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD LINER GNEISENAU, WHICH WAS ON THE FAR EASTERN RUN BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR, HAS BEEN SUNK BY EXPLOSION IN THE BALTIC SEA.

U.S. SHIPS FOR EAST

New Service To H.K. Projected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINGAPORE, Dec. 21 (UP).

Beginning what is believed likely to be a growing tendency to divert American ships to the Far East, it was announced to-day that the City of Newport News, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Norfolk and the City of San Francisco, formerly of the United States Lines, will in future be operated by the American President Line.

The American President Line, between Singapore and New York via Manila, Los Angeles and the Panama Canal.

The Admiral Y. H. Williams, which has been chartered by the President Line, sailed for the United States to-day.

To Call At Hongkong

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (UP).—The American President Lines to-day stated that they have leased the bottom only for Far Eastern runs. The United States Lines will retain operation during the coastwise circuit.

Transit through the Canal Zone will be monthly instead of weekly.

The ships will call at Hongkong and Penang, in addition to the ports mentioned in the above report.

AUTONOMY FOR DOMINICA

LONDON, Dec. 21. (British Wire-

less).—An Order in Council made on December 20 under the provision of the Dominica Act of 1938 fixes January 1, 1940, as the appointed date for the transfer of Dominica from the colony of Leeward Islands and provides for its government from that date as a separate colony in the Windward Islands group.

A Commission was appointed some time ago by the Colonial Office to inquire into the question of a closer union between the Leeward and Windward Islands and to ascertain whether a regrouping was desirable.

The Dominions specially requested the transfer which is about to be given effect.

In the view of the Secretary of State, a change appears to be economically and racially suitable for Dominica and an Act of Parliament was passed to provide for the change.

It is not known whether the cause of the explosion was internal or external.

The Gneisenau sailed from Riga with German reparations aboard on December 2.

It is believed that the majority of the passengers have perished. They included about 100 German workers returning to the Reich for special duties.

Speedy Trip

The Gneisenau was well-known in Hongkong, where she last arrived on July 27. She made a speedy trip to Europe, arriving at Bremen before the outbreak of the war.

A sister ship, the Scharnhorst, is at present in Kobe harbour, where she fled to from Manila just before the outbreak of war. The Potsdam, a third sister-ship, was en route to Hongkong from Europe when war started, and landed her passengers at a Spanish port. She is now believed to be at Trieste.

These three ships, capable of producing over 21 knots, held the Blue Riband for the Europe-Asia service via the Suez.

Of 18,180 tons each, they were ranked fourth in size in the N.D.L. Fleet. They were exceeded in size only by the 27,000-ton Bremen, the 49,000-ton Europa and the 32,000-ton Columbus. The latter was set afire and scuttled at sea earlier this week.

The Gneisenau was launched at the Deutsche A. G. yards in Weser in 1914.

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DECORATED BY KING

Former Hongkong Naval Officer's Bravery

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—The King to-day decorated the commander and other members of the crew of the submarine Salmon, which last week carried out one of the most brilliant submarine exploits of this war and the last.

Lieut.-Commander E. O. B. Bickford, the commanding officer, who was formerly attached to the China Station, serving in H.M.S. Odin, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and promoted to the rank of Commander.

It will be recalled that the Salmon first sank a U-boat and then torpedoed two German cruisers, the Leipzig and the Blücher.

NEW R.A.F. FIGHTERS

Britain's Answer To Messerschmitts

LONDON, Dec. 21 (UP).—Britain's answer to the German Messerschmitt pursuit planes—new two-seater fighters which are faster and more powerful than the Hurricanes or Spitfires—has already been tested and has entered full production.

Considering the British version of the recent large-scale air battle over the Heligoland Bight, in which it is claimed that at least fifty per cent., or at least twelve, of the super-Messerschmitts were brought down, it is believed that the new British planes will effectively outfight anything Hitler may have up his sleeve.

One of the new British fighters will be known as the Boulton-Paul.

It is an all-metal plane equipped with a multi-gun swivel turret, situated behind the pilot in the cockpit.

It has a wing span of 39½ feet and a fuselage 30 feet long.

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CHRISTMAS PUDDING AS HEAVY AS THREE MEN

The Christmas pudding made at the Hongkong Hotel weighs 424 lbs., or as much as three average men!

Its recipe is as follows: 260 pieces of silver plate, 9,800 pieces of cutlery and 7,000 pieces will be used.

At the three special dinners on Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve it is expected 2,000 dinners will be served.

Supervising these vast quantities of food is the tall Swiss chef, Leopold Gaddi, who has personally attended to the epicurean wants of such celebrities as the Duke of Windsor, Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks and a host of others.

Leopold served his apprenticeship at the famous Grand Hotel, Gstaad, in Bernese Oberland, the fashionable winter and summer resort. After 3½ years he passed his Diploma of

Russians Mowed Down In Thousands

Story Of Awful Carnage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21 (UP).—"I have just returned from the North Salla battlefield after treading my way through thousands of dead, both Russians and Finns, lying in long, silent rows for several kilometres."

This is the dramatic lead in an eye-witness story, one of the first to come from the battle area, by the War Correspondent of the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter."

The correspondent adds that it is impossible to bury the dead, whose bodies lie frozen in the snow.

Mowed Down In Thousands

"Russian cavalry and infantry have been mowed down in thousands by the terribly efficient fire of Finnish machine-guns."

"Even the Finns themselves are surprised at the mass slaughter they have inflicted."

"Near two Russian ammunition dumps which have been captured by the Finns I saw the lone corpse of a Russian soldier slumped over a sewing machine. The Russian had been mending uniforms when he was killed."

"Nearby stands an overturned truck. A Russian baker lies beside it under a heap of bread which it was carrying when it was struck by a Finnish shell."

Tried To Hide In Snow

"Many Russians tried to hide themselves in the snow when they were PLEASE Turn To Page 4."

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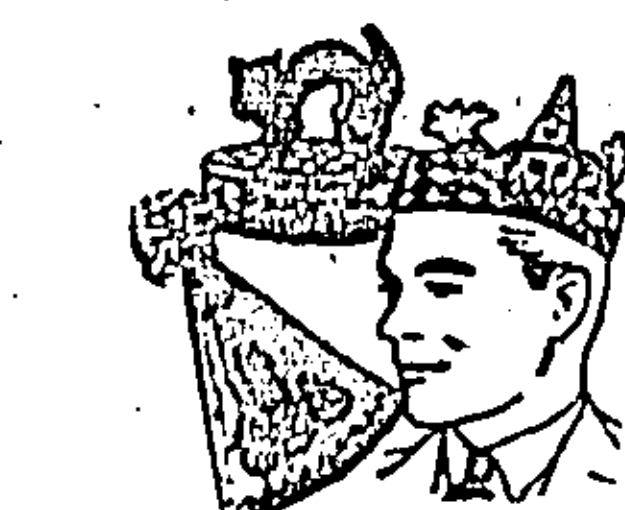
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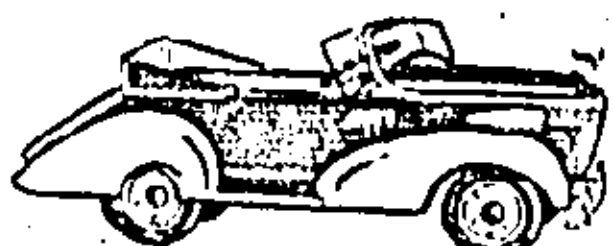


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LACK OF PETROL PARALYSES NAZIS

DUTCH-GERMAN FRONTIER.—Germany is paralysed by lack of petrol. The shortage grows more serious daily, and experts have told Hitler that unless supplies are quickly found defeat will be inevitable and swift if war begins on a large scale.

This information was given to-day by a neutral oil official intimately associated with Germany. He has just returned from a visit there where he had interviews with leaders of all the defence forces, says a Correspondent.

He showed me figures which prove that Germany's huge mechanized army is almost immobilized by a rationing scheme. Large numbers of bombers are grounded.

"When the campaign really starts," said my informant, "Germany will be without petrol in two months."

The mechanized army is using four times as much fuel as was calculated, and, owing to action of the British Navy, the submarine fleet is using twice as much as was counted on.

This—not humanitarianism—is the reason for our immunity from large scale air attacks on oil.

No supplies from the Polish oilfields can be expected for at least twelve months, owing to the destruction by retreating Polish troops.

No great help can be expected from Russia.

Even with the Allies playing a waiting game, Germany is using twice as much petrol as in peacetime and is receiving only one-third of her usual supplies.

British Ports Censorship

(By A Correspondent)

A CHANNEL PORT. THERE have been bitter complaints by travellers about the seizure at British ports of newspapers and books by Customs authorities.

The strongest fact of all is that the seized literature is sent to the Chief Censor at Liverpool, of all places.

Mr. H. N. Robertson, of Wrotham, Kent, in the "Times," describes what happened as he crossed the Channel to France and returned.

On the return voyage Customs officials discovered in his suitcase an ordinary 7s. 6d. English novel, published in London and purchased there some weeks ago. This contraband was eagerly seized upon, to be forwarded, I was informed, to the Chief Censor, at Liverpool, of whom my inquiries might be made.

Typescript Overlooked. His brief case, containing eight or nine pounds of typewritten documents, was overlooked. He complains that "not even P. G. Wodehouse nor indeed, the most popular of novelists, could I expect to be exempted from this blind and pompous folly of inflated functionaries."

I watched the arrival here of a Channel boat and the Customs examination. I interviewed a dozen or more of the 20 or 30 passengers. From none could I extract complaints about the seizure of their books or papers.

On the other hand, I have heard of the seizure of a foreign student's textbooks, which were sent to the Chief Censor at Liverpool, who by all accounts must be accumulating a vast store of modern English fiction.

There have been some strange anomalies. The sale of English newspapers on the boats leaving here has now been stopped, though they can be bought in French towns.

No official comment could be given, nor any explanation of why piles of literature are being sent to Liverpool. But I gather that greater discretion is now allowed to examiners to pass the light reading of some British subjects.

He Lives On Lightning

Irving A. Moon, of San Francisco, has the world's strangest Sunday job. Every Sunday morning he walks through the city to the grounds where the \$10,000,000 Golden Gate International Exposition is being held and has 1,000,000 volts passed through his body.

Large audiences watch him as flames shoot from the tips of his fingers. He holds a stick in his right hand which is burnt to a cinder. The theme of Irving's show is "Sermons from Science."

P.S.—Irving used to do it every day. But it got too much for him.

FREUD TRICKED NAZI

Kept £22,000

PROFESSOR Sigmund Freud, world-famous founder of psycho-analysis—whom the Nazis plotted over as a "broken bankrupt Jew" when he sought refuge in England last year—tricked them of a fortune. It is announced that he had left £22,850.

The story was told me by Dr. Jean Martin Freud, one of his sons, says a "Daily Mail" Reporter.

"They thought they had got all my father's fortune," he said, "but they were wrong. They stole about half of it."

"But the other half—my father managed to keep that out of their clutches; he was too clever."

"Family Secret" "I cannot tell you exactly how he did it or where the money was hidden. It is a family secret. But one day, perhaps, I may tell it, and it will make an interesting story."

I understand that Freud spent his last days writing a scathing exposure of Nazi persecution founded on his personal experiences in Vienna.

England gave refuge to the brilliant 83-year-old scientist until he died peacefully in September at his home at Maresfield-gardens, Hampstead, N.W.

Freud made a family will with no bequests to any scientific institutions: to his daughter, Anna, he left his collection of antiques and books on psychology and psycho-analysis, and to his grandchildren after they were 21, he bequeathed the royalties on his copyrights.

SERVICE OF CAROLS Hongkong Union Church On Sunday Night

Evening Service at the Hongkong Union Church on Sunday will take the form of a Christmas musical service of hymns and carols. There will be no address. Soloists include, Mrs. Doris Blair, Mrs. Helen Logg, Mrs. I. Moran, (cello), Mr. Gaston d'Aquino and Mr. V. Sanders. Mr. Longyear will be at the organ.

Included in the programme are the solos, "O Leave your Sheep," "A Star of the East," "From Heart to Heart," "Cradle Song," "Crown of Roses," "Quartettes" are, "Sussex Carol," "Holly and the Joy," "Nativity," "Cradle Song," "Our Brother is Born," "How Beautiful upon the Mountains," and "Peaceful Night; on the cello, "Bereave" and "Caro Mio Ben"; and on the organ, "The Question," and "The Answer."

Union Church offers a very cordial invitation to all who are interested to attend this service, which will take place at 8 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

A Christmas programme in scriptural reading and singing will be given by the Bethel Mission in the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, at 7 p.m. to-night. No charge for admission will be made.

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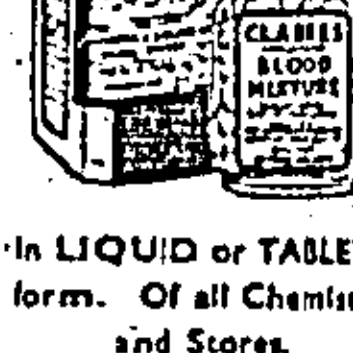
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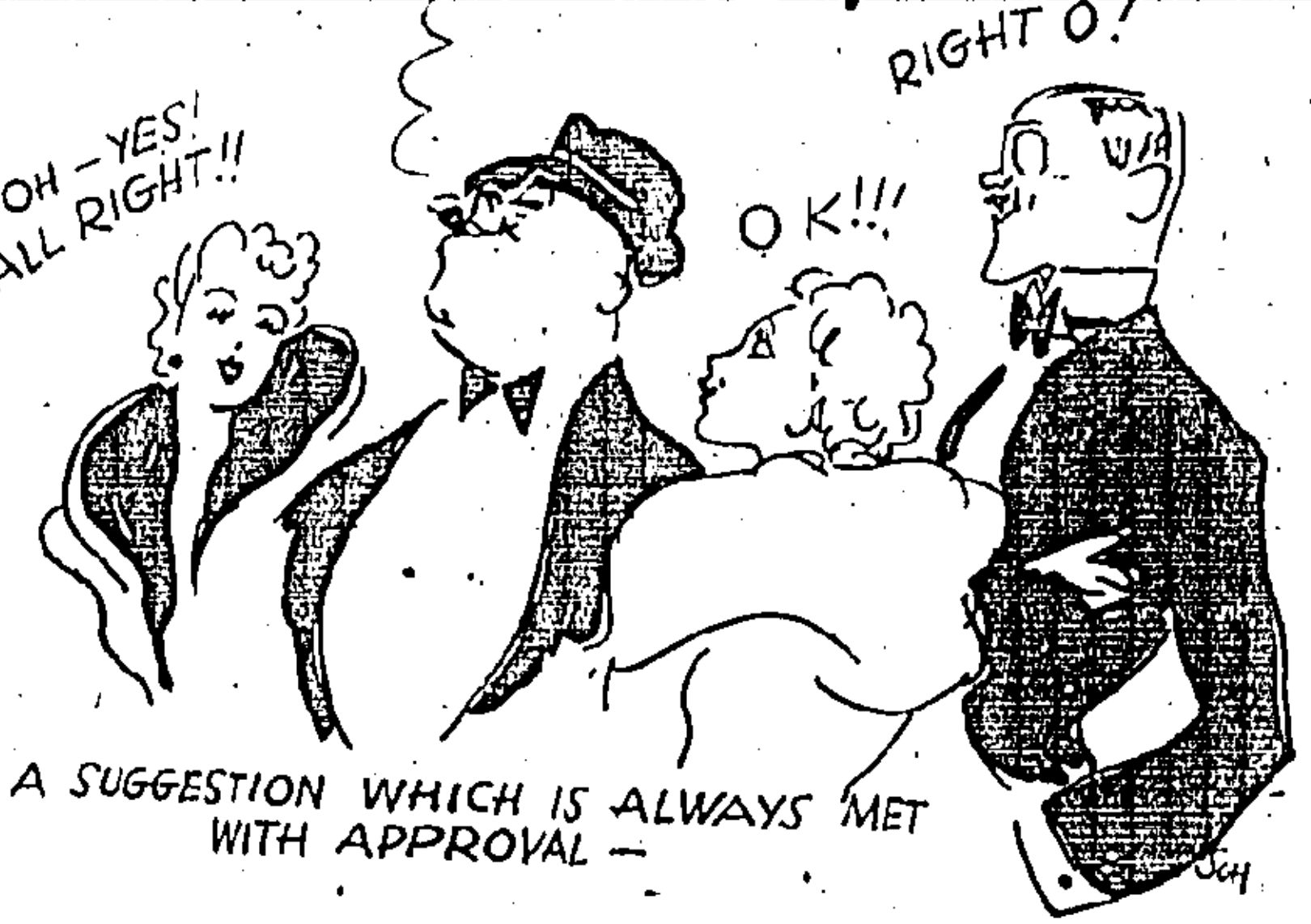
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Nell Gwynne Relics For Sale

THE receipt for the garters which encircled the limbs which enchanted a King—it sounds like the House that Jack Built, but it is actually a lot in the sale Sotheby's held on December 20 of the Crofton Croker Collection of Nell Gwynne relics.

Many of the lots are pictures of the great courtesan. Several show Nell with a lamb, some with her children. There were also pictures of Nell's rivals in the affections of the King—Barbara Villiers Castlemaine, Duchess of Cleveland (spelled Cleveland) and Louise (spelled Louise) de Queroualle, "Duchesse" of Portsmouth.

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The rest of the collection consists of documents: a warrant to pay Nell one quarter's pension—£1,250—she drew £5,000 a year—signed by Clarendon; a warrant to pay £250 to her out of exchequer money; a receipt made out to her for a miniature of Charles II; a bill signed and receipted by her; bills for clothes, for a Sedan chair, a bed and other furniture; a receipt for £10 for painting and gilding her chariot; and, of course, the receipt for the 12s. pair of rich embroidered garters.

Tiniest Tube Exhibited

NEW YORK (U.P.)—The world's tiniest metal tube—with an outside diameter of .26/10,000 of an inch and an inside diameter of .7/10,000 of an inch—is on display at the New York World's Fair. The tube is made of pure nickel.

BEHIND THE NEWS

HITLER FINDS THAT STALIN IS WORSE THAN OLIVER TWIST!

Stalin, not content with getting his strategic positions in the Baltic, is now pressing Hitler for preferential rights of passage through the Kiel Canal to the North Sea.

Reason given is that indiscriminate sowing of Nazi mines in the Kattegat is endangering Soviet ships. Real reason—Stalin now sees his chance to take the first step in making Kiel an international waterway providing a cheap outlet for Russian Baltic trade.

This demand is one reason for the furor now going on behind closed doors in the Wilhelmstrasse. Admiral Raeder, Navy Chief, and his staff are revolting.

Ex-King Alfonso has at last made friends with General Franco and his Falange (Fascist) Government for the sake of his son Prince Juan. Franco

has accepted his recognition because internal troubles in Spain are becoming threatening.

Franco recently instructed his Ambassador in Italy to offer a "test invitation" to Alfonso to attend a celebration in Rome to Primo de Rivera, Falange Party founder. Alfonso accepted.

Afterwards he met the Spanish Embassy staff, Count Ciano, and the leaders of the Italian Fascist Party. Prince Juan was present. Franco intends to revive the Monarchy if conditions in Spain reach a state that make it necessary.

At the request of Count Czaky, Hungary's Minister in Moscow has asked for an explanation of the concentration of Russian troops on her Ruthenian frontier. The reply was that Russia intended to prevent German plans against Rumania from maturing.



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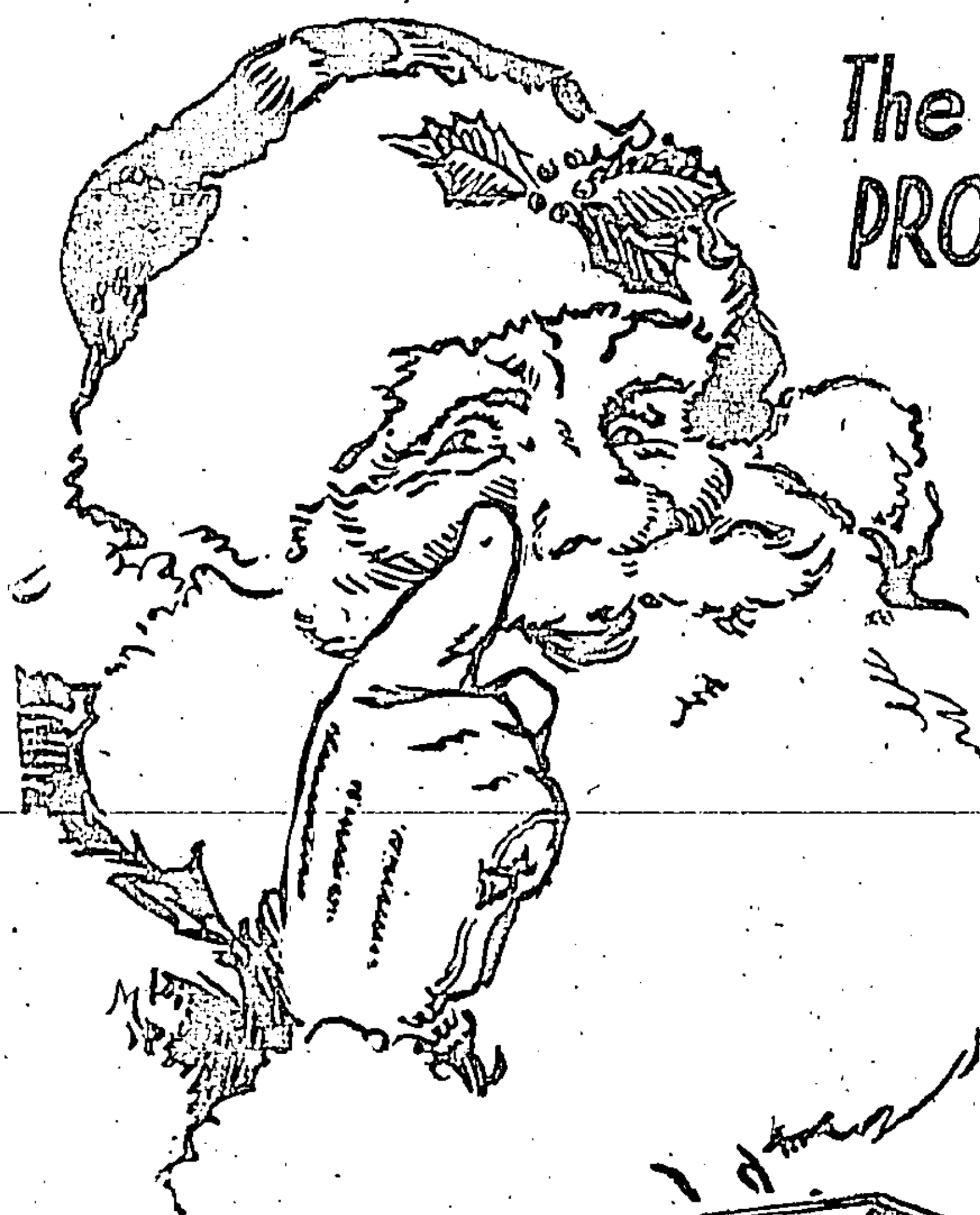


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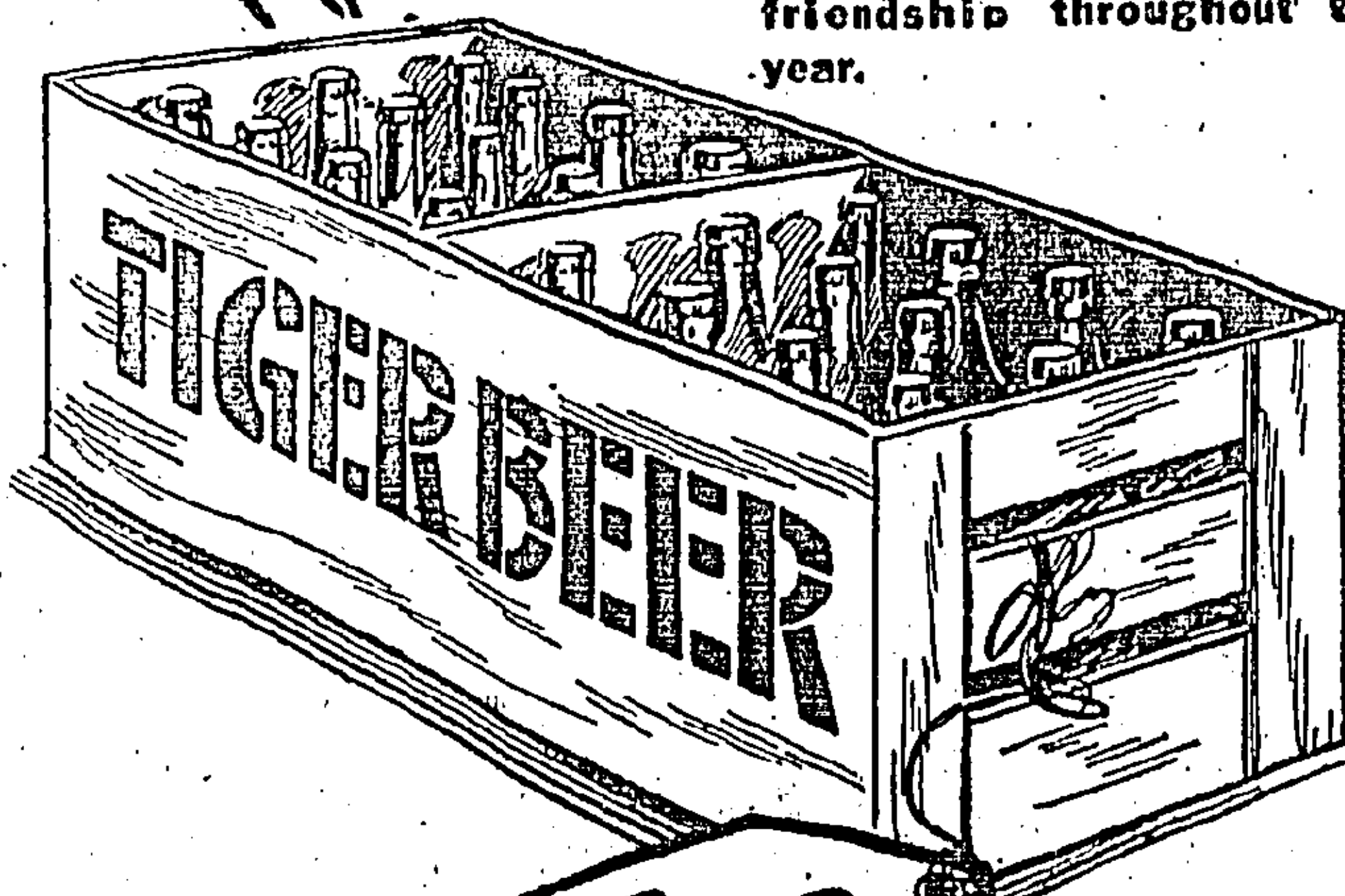
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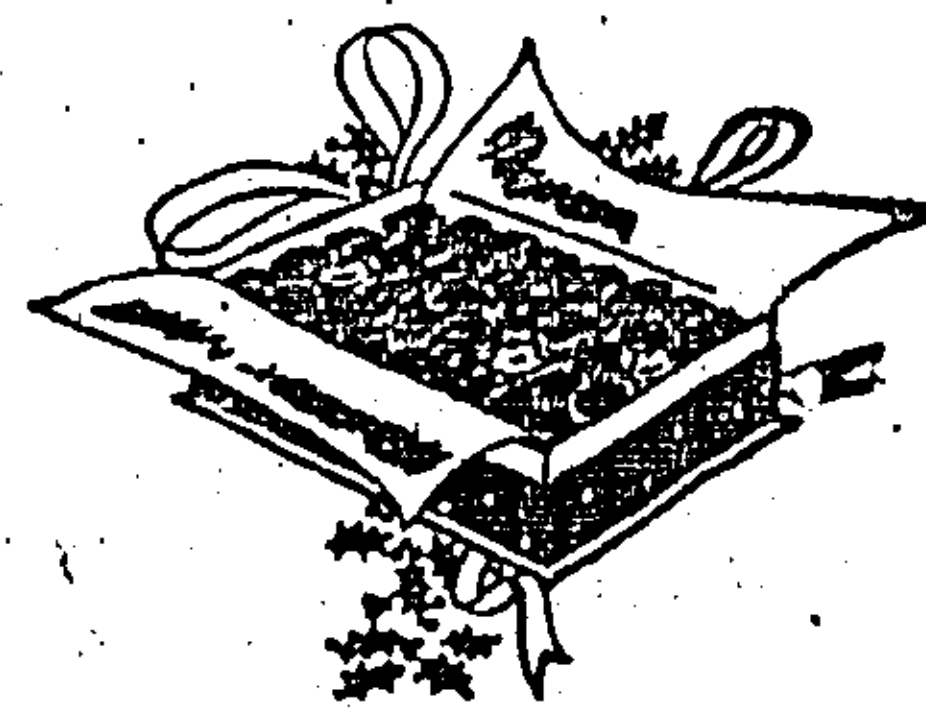
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T.T. Singapore	32 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	108 1/2
T.T. France	10.80
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/8 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11.45
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.94 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,350 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	233 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	235 n.
Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	78 n.
Canton	200 b.
Union	410 b.
China Underwriter	114 n.
H.K. Fire	100 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	71 1/4 n.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China	80 n.
Indo-China D.S.	60 n.
Shells (Bearers) s/-	80 7/8 n.
Waterboats	810 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	102 n.
Docks	19.50 sa.
Providents	4.50 b. & sa.
New Eng. Sh.	10.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	105 n.
MINING	
Kallian s/-	17 1/2 n.
Haus s. ex. div.	10.10 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels	5.05 n.
Land 4% Deb.	34 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	100 n.
Humphreys	8.00 n.
H.K. Realities	4.40 n.
Chinese Estates s. ex. div.	101 n.
UTILITIES	
Trans	16.75 b.
Peak Trams	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	8 n.
Star Ferries	0.03 1/4
Y. Ferries	24 sa.
China Lights (old)	8.10 n.
China Lights (new)	5 b.
H. K. Electric	53 b. & sa.
Macao Electric	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights ex. div.	11.00 n.
Telephones (old)	25 n.
Telephones (new)	8.75 n.
Traction s/-	18 1/3 n.
Traction (Prof.) s/-	18 1/3 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Magg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$14.90 n.
Cald. Magg. (Prof.)	Sh. \$13 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement	10 sa.
H.K. Ropes	6 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old)	20 1/4 n.
Dairy Farms (new)	20.25 n.
Watson	8.85 sa.
Lane, Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Shenoi	8.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	20 1/4 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. s. ex. div.	162 n.
Zhong Sing Sh.	42 n.
Wing On Textile Sh.	40 1/2 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment	6.00 b.
Constructions (old)	1.75 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1928	47 1/2 n.
G. Bonds	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2% Loan	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	97 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	15 1/2 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4 1/2 n.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

G. R. NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following licences and permits are due for renewal on the 1st January, 1940—

- (1) Private Rickshaw and Driver Licences.
- (2) Private Chair and Driver Licences.
- (3) Tricycle and Driver Licences.
- (4) Public Motor Vehicle Licences.
- (5) Motor Vehicle Permits.

Before re-licensing, tricycles must be taken for inspection to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, or Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station, Kowloon, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon between January 2 and January 24, 1940.

T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.

22nd December, 1939.
Hong Kong.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 25th and 26th December, 1939. (Christmas Holidays).
Hongkong, 21st December, 1939.

REDEEMED HIMSELF

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Nazi sources but from the High Command of the German Navy. In a statement, the High Command said that Capt. Langsdorff did not wish to survive the sinking of his ship and took his decision, in accordance with the traditions of the Officers' Corps, to which he had belonged for almost three decades. "The Navy understands and esteems his action," the statement concluded.

The Nazi Press also shows great reserve in reporting the scuttling of the Columbus.

British Captain At Funeral

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Among those attending the funeral of Captain Langsdorff this afternoon was Captain Pollinger, of the British steamer Ashika, who was one of the Graf Spee's prisoners.

The British Mission to Seamen sent a wreath.

It is now learned that on Tuesday, Langsdorff's hand was taken by his officers. Certain remains he then made, together with the fact that he had distributed his personal effects as keepsakes, suggested that he had suicide in mind.

Many Argentine newspapers take the view that Capt. Langsdorff's suicide was a protest against Hitler's order to scuttle his ship while she was still capable of doing some damage.

Hitler Criticised

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21. (UP).—There are persistent but unconfirmed rumours here that Captain Langsdorff's last letter to the German Embassy strongly criticised Hitler's order to sink the Admiral Graf Spee instead of facing the enemy.

The Embassy has declined to make the contents of the letter known to the public and has denied the rumours.

Argentina has accorded the deceased Captain a hero's honours. The Argentine Navy provided a guard of honour and a battalion of marines were detailed to perform full military honours at the burial service.

The coffin was lowered covered with flowers.

Another Possibility

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The scuttling policy is possibly also due to an expectation that Germany's methods may again bring neutrals into the war against her.

Uruguay might justifiably seize the interned merchantships to compensate for the damage done by the scuttled Graf Spee at Montevideo Harbour.

The sea-bottom, therefore, is the safest place for them.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The story of the sinking of the Columbus was given a bare six lines and Capt. Langsdorff's suicide only two short paragraphs in most of today's German papers.

The German version of the Columbus incident does not even mention that the vessel was German and gives no hint of her size.

The first casualty list of the German victims of the Graf Spee battle are now creeping into the papers.

Full Naval Honours

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Three hundred officers and men of the Graf Spee, together with the Admiral's personal belongings, were present at the funeral of Captain Langsdorff with full naval honours in the local German cemetery.

Roosevelt Losing Trusty Servant

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—It has been authoritatively stated that Under Secretary of the United States Treasury, Mr. John W. Hanes, is planning to resign early in 1940.

Mr. Hanes is desirous of returning to private business, but he will not return to Wall Street where he was a broker when President Roosevelt summoned him to office in December 1937.

Tightening The Stranglehold

Effectiveness Of Contraband Control

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).

The Ministry of Economic Warfare announces that during the last 12 weeks, 953 cargoes were wholly released by the British Contraband Control and 24 were wholly seized.

This compares with the total of 85 wholly released and 42 wholly seized in the first three weeks of the war. It is stated that the large number of cargoes wholly released—which does not include any cargoes only part of which is seized—is considered proof that Great Britain has no intention of stopping goods really destined for consumption in neutral countries and which it is not the intention to re-export to enemy territory.

A striking shrinkage in the seizure of goods destined for the enemy is also revealed.

Whereas in the first three weeks of the war, between 80,000 and 90,000 tons of contraband were seized, the weekly figure has now fallen as low as under 29,000 tons.

Reluctant Neutrals

It is authoritatively contended that the decline indicates neutral reluctance on the part of neutral exporters to ship goods to Germany in the face of the efficient working control and, therefore, it is presumed that Germany's imports of contraband material is also suffering severely.

STORY OF AWFUL CARNAGE

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overwhelmed by the sudden Finnish advance.

"They tried to die in with their bare hands, but could not break the frozen surface."

"One lies where he fell, his hands bleeding and discoloured by the snow, and a bullet through his head."

"From one of his pockets I took a letter which he had started to write home."

"Dear Papa—"

"His childish scrawl began: 'Dear Papa—'. The rest was blotted out by his blood."

"Among all these bodies were spread in indescribable confusion hundreds of books and pamphlets written by and about Stalin, whose birthday to-day many of his soldiers will never celebrate."

"I talked to one Russian prisoner who had been captured after hiding himself in a forest for three days. He was the only survivor of a detail of twenty men."

"The others died of cold and hunger. He was exhausted and the Finnish officer who captured him spared him the necessity of holding his hands in the air."

CHRISTMAS PUDDING AS HEAVY AS THREE MEN

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Swiss Hotel Association examination and was appointed to the Grand Hotel at Assuan, Egypt. From there he returned to the Burgstock Hotel in Switzerland where he passed the special examinations relating to the old catering code and was named to China in 1930 with the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels.

On one occasion Leopold was asked at the Hongkong Hotel to prepare the same menu and wines as had been set for the banquet extended to King George VI on his visit to Paris.

The same table decorations, representing the Lake at Versailles were reproduced and the scene of the dinner the famous Hall of Mirrors was also copied by placing huge mirrors about the dining room.

This dinner given by a Hongkong resident for a party of 30 cost \$3,000.

N.D.L. LINER GNEISENAU REPORTED SUNK BY EXPLOSION IN BALTIC

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1935. She had luxurious first class accommodation for 300 passengers.

Another report states that an incendiary bomb was discovered in the luggage of a passenger aboard another German steamer, the 11,492-ton Gera Cordoba, as it was leaving a Latvian port.

A plot to blow up the ship is believed to have been frustrated by the discovery.

The Gera Cordoba is not listed in Lloyd's latest lists.

NEW R.A.F. FIGHTERS

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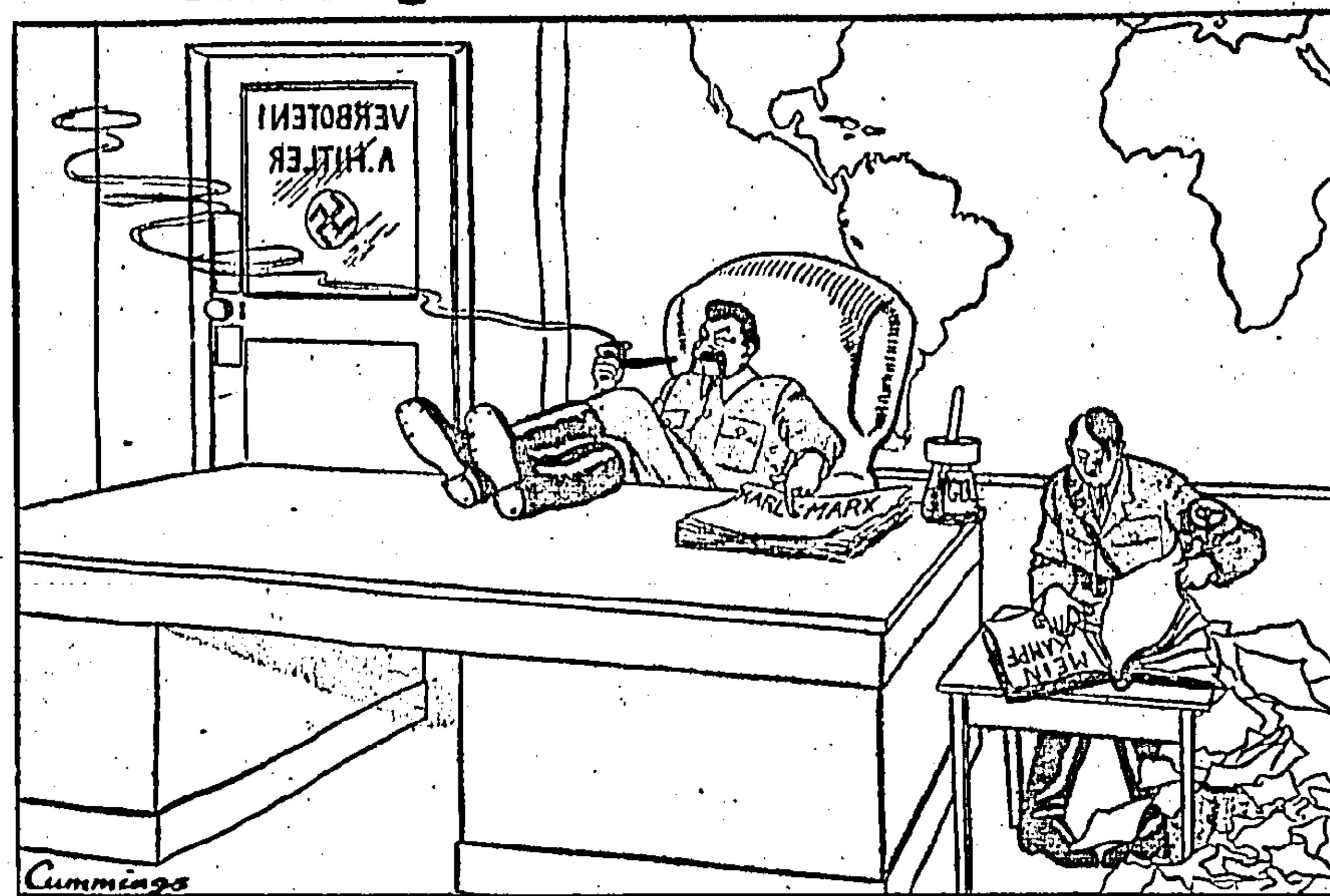
It will be powered with a single 1,000 h.p. engine.

To Push Advantage

It is believed here that Britain is prepared to push its advantage in the air, as disclosed by recent combats, to the fullest extent, and there are certain to be more frequent aerial engagements in future over the North Sea as the Royal Air Force extends the patrol system.

The Admiralty and Air Ministry are believed to have already worked out a joint plan to counter the Nazi attacks on helpless fishermen.

Revising for the New Edition



Remarkable Revelations Of Nazi War Guilt In Yellow Paper

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—An official Yellow Book dealing with international events from the end of September, 1938, to the beginning of the war was published to-day.

I.R.A. AGAIN ACTIVE

Bombs In Post Offices And Mail Boxes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—I.R.A. incendiary "letter bombs" exploded at Birmingham and London post offices to-night.

Five of the bombs in the Birmingham General Post Office destroyed hundreds of Christmas letters.

Three burst at the north west London Post Office, slightly burning a sorter.

Two fires in pillar-boxes at Crewe are believed to be the work of the I.R.A.

French Peace Efforts

The book emphasises the unceasing efforts of French diplomacy for peace and to warn Germany of the risks of the German policy.

The preface consists of a list of a number of German pledges all subsequently broken.

This was headed "Words of Honour."

The book also describes the French peace efforts and describes in detail how the French Ambassador, M. Coulondre, on February 25 gave Hitler his word of honour as a soldier that France would come to Poland's aid if attacked.

Later M. Coulondre brought Hitler a personal letter from M. Daladier and in the course of a remarkable interview attempted to persuade Hitler to accept a peaceful settlement in Poland.

Hitler refused and confirmed the refusal in writing.

The book also describes how Count Ciano on August 31 proposed a general conference.

Poland agreed but the German wireless that Poland had rejected the terms, though Poland had never received them.

Rapprochement Anticipated

One of the most interesting documents is the report of M. Coulondre on May 7. Revealing the prospect of a Russo-German understanding, the report says:

"If the Fuehrer's intention is really to attempt a rapprochement with the Soviet, there is the question of how he intends to exploit this new policy."

"In my view, he may be getting advantages in three different ways. Firstly, by concluding with the Soviet a more or less tacit entente which assures him either the benevolent neutrality of Russia in the event of a conflict, or even its complicity in the partition of Poland."

"Secondly, by exercising, by the mere threat of rapprochement, pressure at the same time on Japan and Poland. It was intended to induce the former to sign a military alliance and the latter to agree to the concessions demanded."

Thirdly, by inducing the Western Powers, threatened with German and Russian collusion, to accept certain Soviet demands to which Poland and Rumania would be opposed and thus spoil the Allies' hand."

Declaring it uncertain whether Hitler was planning a real understanding with the Soviet or merely a diplomatic manoeuvre, M. Coulondre said that he was inclined to support the latter hypothesis because in his own view and that of his party, it was difficult for Hitler to enter a collusion with the Soviet while completely neglecting the fact that not only his internal policy but also the National Socialists' policy was built up upon anti-Bolshevist ideology.

He declares that it "was a glorious bluff which succeeded magnificently."

"At the time the Graf Spee sank there were only two small cruisers waiting outside."

"The Cumberland had not arrived, and the British capital ships were far away."

This authoritative statement makes clear that the battleship Dunderque was not outside Montevideo.

The China Clipper has been delayed by bad weather and will not now arrive until to-morrow. She will leave on Sunday.

POST OFFICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Monday, the 25th December, and Tuesday, the 26th December the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be closed as follows—

Monday, 25th December

General Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Kowloon Central Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Sheungwan Branch Post Office 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Tuesday, 26th December

G. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; K. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; Sheungwan 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All other Branch, Post Offices, and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 25th and at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m.

Small Packet, Post to all countries suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents for 2 ounces, for all countries.

Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per ounce.

Envelopes must not be closed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th Dec. Dec. 22.

U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 22nd Nov.) Dec. 22.

Australia and Manila Dec. 22.

Haiti and St. Domingue Dec. 22.

Japan and Shanghai Dec. 22.

Sandakan and Amoy Dec. 23.

Shanghai and Amoy Dec. 23.

Calcutta and Straits Dec. 23.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th Dec. Dec. 24.

Japan Dec. 24.

Manila Dec. 24.

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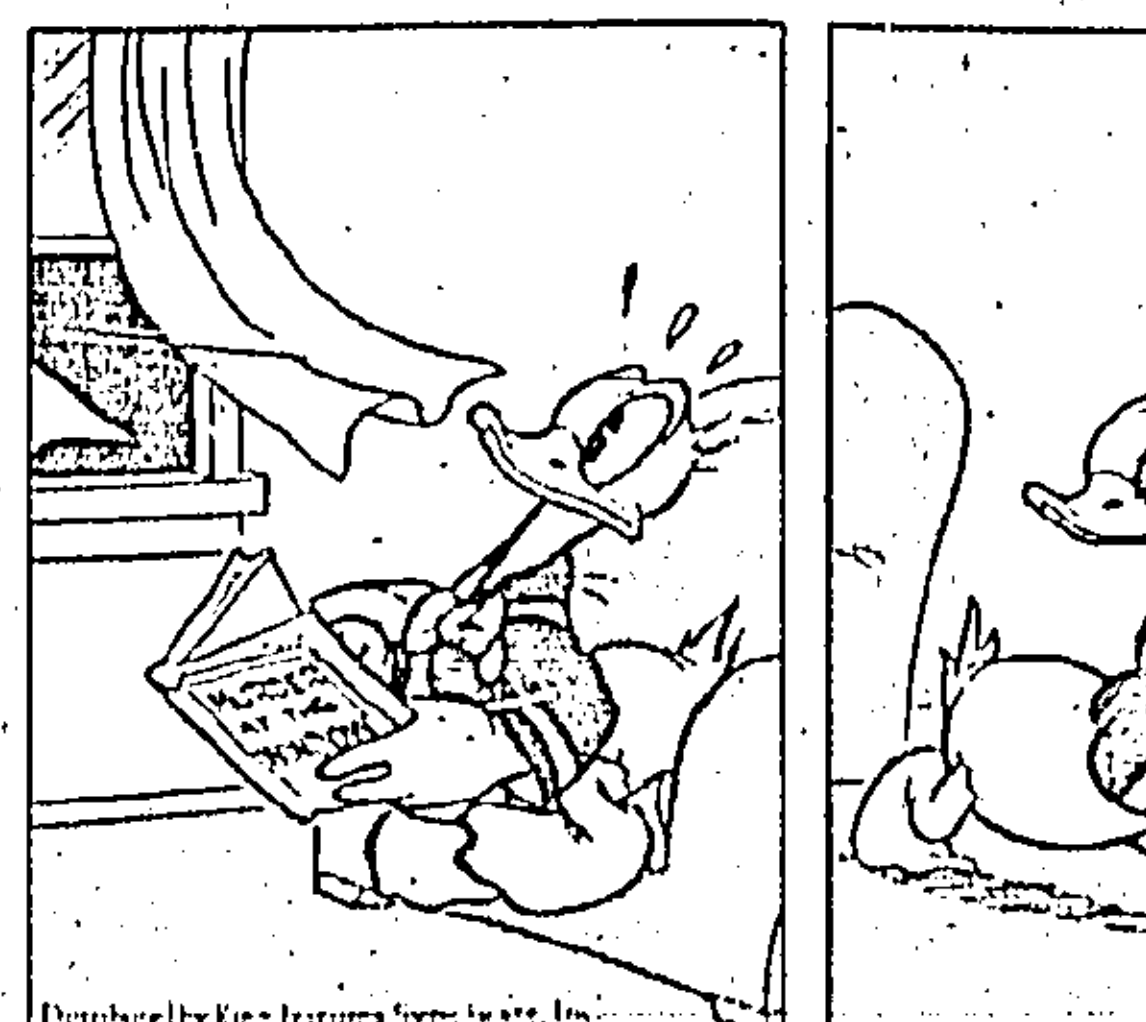
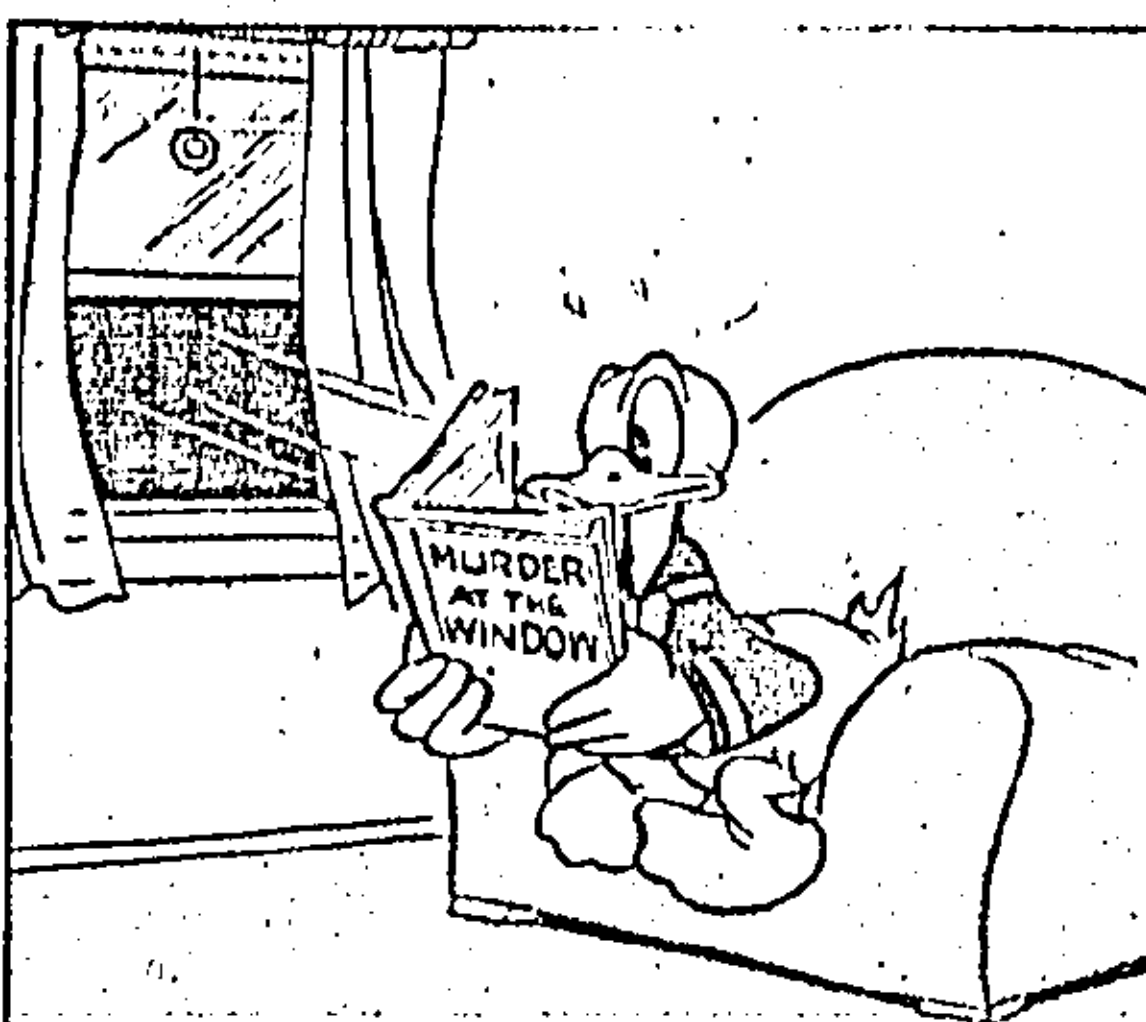
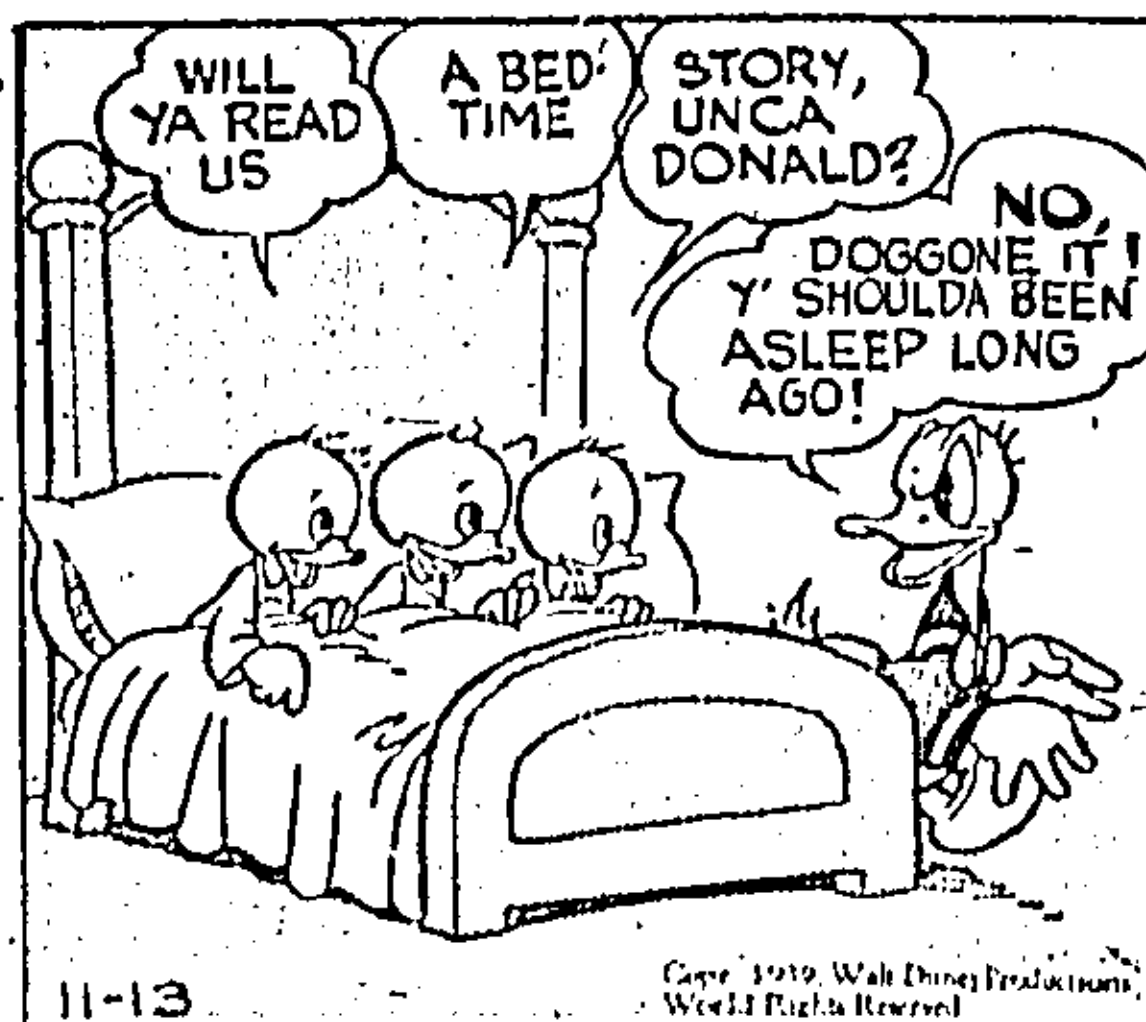
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Wait until the pudding is on the table before pouring on lighted spirit.

KEEP all flags, paper streamers, well clear of open lights and electric fuses.

DON'T—
Make any change at all in electric wiring except under the direction of an electrician or competent person.

Give highly painted toys or those with sharp edges to very young children—who may put them straight into their mouths.

Use candlelight for any decorative purpose—It's highly inflammable.
Leave paper streamers hanging or lying about after the party is over.

PHILIPPINE FLOODS

Manila, Dec. 21.

The Province of Cagayan is still cut off following the typhoon and floods of the week-end. Authorities fear epidemics and famine. Some 1,800 people are homeless at Naguan, Isabela Province. The Postmaster reported that several persons were killed and that crop damage was enormous. The flood waters have not receded.—United Press.

Nephews' Teasers Will Be Worse This Christmas

By GUY RAMSEY

THE spate of Christmas games is upon us. You know the kind of thing: "What was the maiden name of Mrs. David Copperfield?"—one given at the Liberal Party ball—or, "What murderer called his victim an egg?" which was set to the pupils of King William's College, Isle of Man, in their annual General Knowledge test.

Hitherto I have been able (more or less) to hold my own when my young nephew Roderick has returned to the bosom of his family for Christmas with a store of such teasers, specifically designed "to make Uncle Guy look an awful juggins."

For General Knowledge tests (which ought really to be called Special Knowledge tests) are really tests of other people's intelligence. When Roderick, helping himself to his fourth mince-pie, to the peril of his waistcoat buttons, splutters:

"Uncle, how long is the Equator?" or, worse, "Who said, 'My kingdom for a horse?' I find my cigarette case empty (I always keep my cigarette case empty when Roderick is at home) and, on pretext of filling it, go to my library and look up 'Equator' in the encyclopedia or 'Kingdom' in an anthology of quotations, and return ostentatiously pulling and come out pat with the answer.

Paying Methods

Chagrin (and, of course, mince-pie) reduce Roderick nearly to bursting point. For (with the aid of my library) I am a bit of a whizz at using other people's intelligence.

But (this term, Roderick's school has at last awakened (after 350 years of existence) to the theory that it might be a good thing to find out not how much its pupils know, but how intelligent they are.

To this end they have evolved a system of intelligence tests. Three have filled me with dread. No book of reference can help me now.

Young Roderick will mumble with his mouth full: "Brothers and sisters, have I none, but that man's father is my father's son, Uncle. Who is it, Uncle?"

—Of Course

Or he will ask me to complete the next two of a series of figures that run: 1, 3, 7, 13, 21, . . .

He will ask me what is the opposite of "Not in," and crow disgustingly when I say testily: "Out," of course.

I thought to be prepared for Roderick's home-coming, I went along to the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

I glanced at the paper for 10-year-olds—and scored a superb 47 per cent.

I inquired of the Vocational Guidance section what that indicated; they said that if I were 10 they would advise me to go in for a manual job. I tried the paper for eight-year-olds. This was one question—

If the letters in the word NOR are in the same order as they are in the alphabet, write the number which is less than 5 by the number of letters in the word AND. If not, write the number—unless it is a Wednesday, in which case write 172.

So This Is Fair

I smoked three cigarettes. My tie was crooked, my hair (such as it is) was wild. I had my paper checked. I had scored 95 per cent.—having taken 25 minutes for a ten-minute paper.

Outraged, I telephoned to the Board of Education, asking if they encouraged this monstrous system for the discrimination of uncles. "Most decidedly," they said. "Intelligence tests provide a new instrument to measure a child's potentialities. It has, of course, its limitations. (Psychologists co-ordinate the tests with a case history and a personal interview.) It takes no account of temperament or character."

"Its great advantage is that it does not 'put the wind up' children, as do ordinary examinations. They treat it as a game."

A Game For Whom?

A game, forsooth! If I play it with Roderick, I fear I shall lose.

I knew it! Roderick has just emerged from his cub with a dirty face and a dirty creek. He asked me: "If a man bought a 25d. thing and gave a 6d., and if he got two coins in change; and if one coin wasn't a 3d. bit, how did it happen?"

I found my cigarette-case empty. I went to the library. I used up five sheets of a bridge pad, working it out.

I returned, smoking and smiling. "You can't catch me," I smirked. "I know the answer. The customer was done."

"Wrong again, Uncle Guy! One coin wasn't a 3d. bit—but the other coin was! Hat hat!"

An American doctor says the intelligence declines after the age of 15. He is quite right! I shall spend this Christmas at my club playing contract. It's easier.

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But now, after a lot of changes, I've got what I regard as the perfect list.

MOTHER likes things for the home. I'd like to buy her a special lamp—shade made of two pieces of transparent stuff with dried flowers, wheat, or barley pressed between. An 18in. diameter shade for a standard lamp will cost \$8. Others are made to estimate.

FOR father I'd like to buy something to keep his feet warm in the car. I've got my eye on an imitation

fur rug made of long pile alpaca wool in brown.

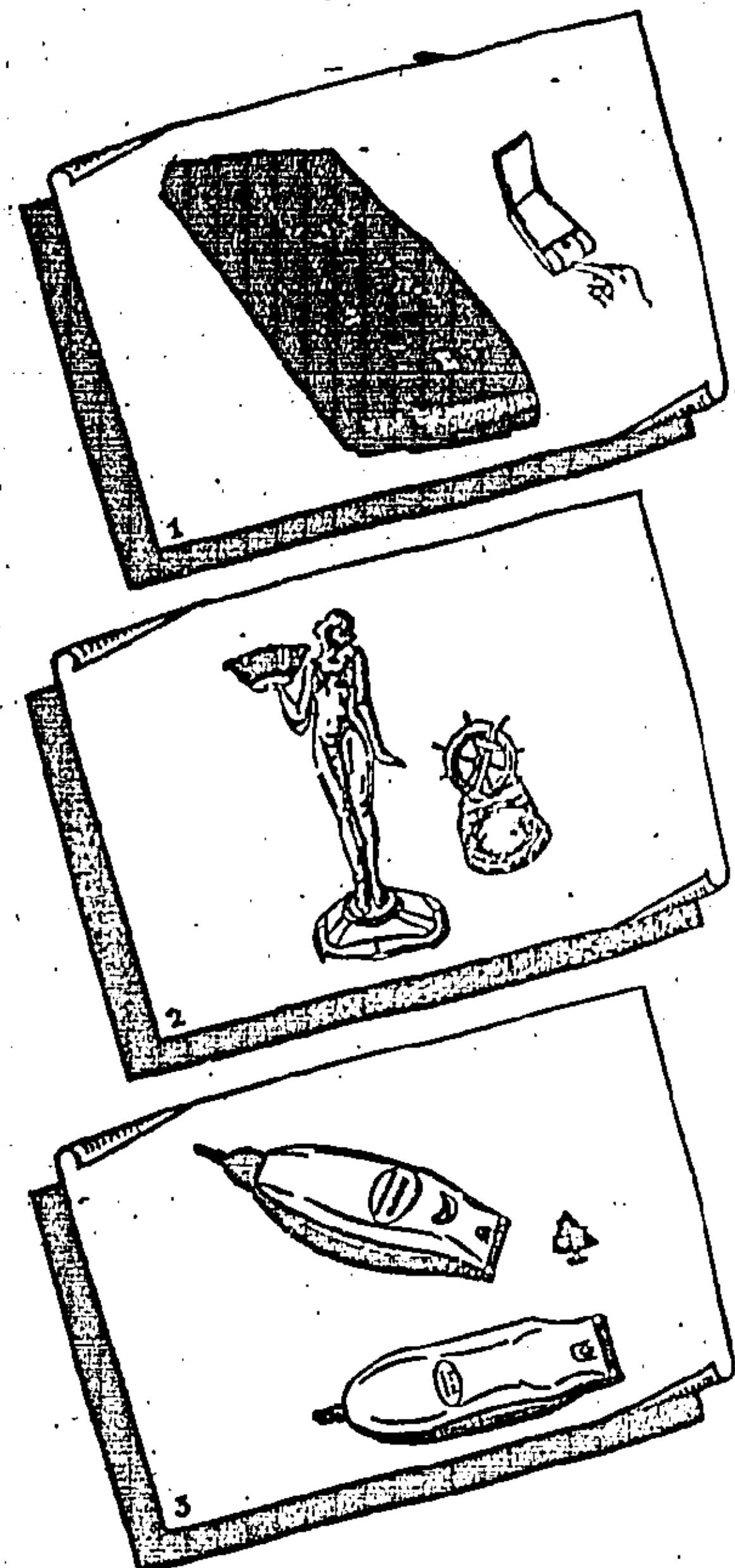
MY brother doesn't know it, but his habit of changing his suits about three times a day has made me want to give him an umbrella with three interchangeable handles, one of whangee, one of leather, and one of malacca.

MY awkward Aunt, charming in herrell, is apt to be difficult as regards gifts.

I'd like to buy her a Siamese kitten—three months old and house trained. It is pale cream and brown, and has the wickedest pair of eyes it has ever been my misfortune to see through glass.

FOR my favorite girl friend, Elizabeth, mid-Victorian by inclination these two months past, I want to buy a bracelet and matching necklace of three strands of pearls, mounted on black velvet ending in tiny bows.

GIFT Suggestions



It's fun to give something out of the ordinary, something the others didn't think of—and here are a few suggestive hints.

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STEAMER LAUNCHED AT KOWLOON DOCKS

The Karuah, a 1,200-ton steel single-crew steamer being built for the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company Ltd., Australia, was launched at the dockyard of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company Ltd. yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, wife of the Chairman of Directors of the Dock Company, and a bottle of Australian champagne was appropriately used in the christening.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell opened his toast to the Karuah with an expression of profound admiration for the grand way in which Australia has rallied to the side of the Old Country in the present struggle.

"The Karuah," he continued, "is the eighth ship we have built for Australian owners and is rather unusual in that she is constructed almost entirely of Australian steel. With her launching we have safely transferred from land to water 10,000 tons of deadweight during this year. We have the facilities, both as to labour and plant, to build 25,000 tons of deadweight in a year, and I am very hopeful that it will not be long before our services are available to and the Colony given the opportunity to play a useful part in the replacement of the wastage in shipping caused by the war."

Chance for Reciprocity

According to reports, he added, Australia was making strenuous efforts to stimulate her own shipbuilding trade. This was a praiseworthy effort, but he wished to point out to Australia, in the most friendly spirit, that the balance of trade between her and the Colony was largely in Australia's favour, and that orders for ships, which could be built of Australian steel, provided a suitable contribution for restoring the trade balance and made for reciprocity and goodwill.

"We are very grateful to the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company for entrusting us with the building of the Karuah," he declared. "We realise that the Australian coasting trade, like our own, calls for exceptionally seaworthy vessels, and we have every confidence that the Karuah will meet all requirements in this respect."

Mr. C. W. J. Barker, the owners' representative in Hongkong and supervisor of the Karuah's construction, responded to the toast. After thanking Mrs. Dodwell for performing the christening, he explained that the name Karuah was that of a town and river in New South Wales and also belonged to a ship formerly owned by the company.

"Though my company is small compared with some companies," he continued, "it has had a long and useful career. The first steamer to ply between Sydney and Newcastle was the Sophia Jane, in 1831. The daily service was started in 1839, and though there has been competition from railway, road, and aeroplane, the service is still in demand and the answer to that demand is the ship that has just been launched."

He said that he had every confidence in the worthiness of the ship's construction, which embodied certain special features for which she would probably be noted.

Australia's New Policy

"The prospects of renewed orders from Australia for vessels of small tonnage have undergone a complete change since this ship was commenced," he added. "It is felt that the time is ripe to encourage the building of such vessels in Australia and the policy of the Government is directed to this end. Encouragement is practical in that for a period of three years a bonus will be granted on tonnage, and all British equipment will be admitted free of duty. Whereas formerly duty was levied on ships under 500 tons, this no longer applies, so that a certain amount of competition from overseas will prevent an undue rise in price."

With a reminder of the national importance of the work of the dockyard "in time of peace and its greatly enhanced value in the present time of stress," he proposed a toast to the welfare of the Dockyard Company and all associated with it.

Mr. Cock then presented Mrs. Dodwell with a memento of the occasion in the form of a pair of diamond and platinum ear-rings.

Details of The Karuah

The Karuah is of the shelter deck type with an overall length of 242 ft., a moulded breadth of 39ft., and a depth to the shelter deck of 24ft. She is built to Lloyd's highest class and has been specially strengthened in excess of their requirements for the particular trade in which she will be used and to conform to the latest requirements of the Board of Trade and Australian Navigation Act.

Cargo is handled through two large hatches by eight steel tubular derricks for lifts of three and five tons. She also has a heavy derrick suitable for 15-ton lifts. All the derricks are worked by steam winches supplied by Clarke Chap-

Fewer Try To Be Lawyers

THE TRAINING TAKES FIVE YEARS

THERE were only 28 candidates at the Law Society's preliminary examination in London last month. Normally there are from 75 to 100. The war has caused the reduction.

Parents whose sons may become liable to military service are dubious about paying the £80 duty for a stamp to article them to solicitors.

Mr. T. G. Lund, secretary of the Law Society, said that, as well as the stamp duty, there is the premium which varies from £150 to £300.

"Then articles last five years. Parents cannot look ahead to five unbroken years for their sons. They will not risk it with a war on."

"In bad times the entry to the profession in the past has always increased. When times are good we get fewer article clerks because there are more openings in commerce. It is true that in the past the profession has been overcrowded. But that is true of every profession."

man and Carron & Co. An electric elevator capable of handling 250lb. packages is fitted for the rapid handling of small packages to or from No. 2 hold or the 'tween deck to the upper deck.

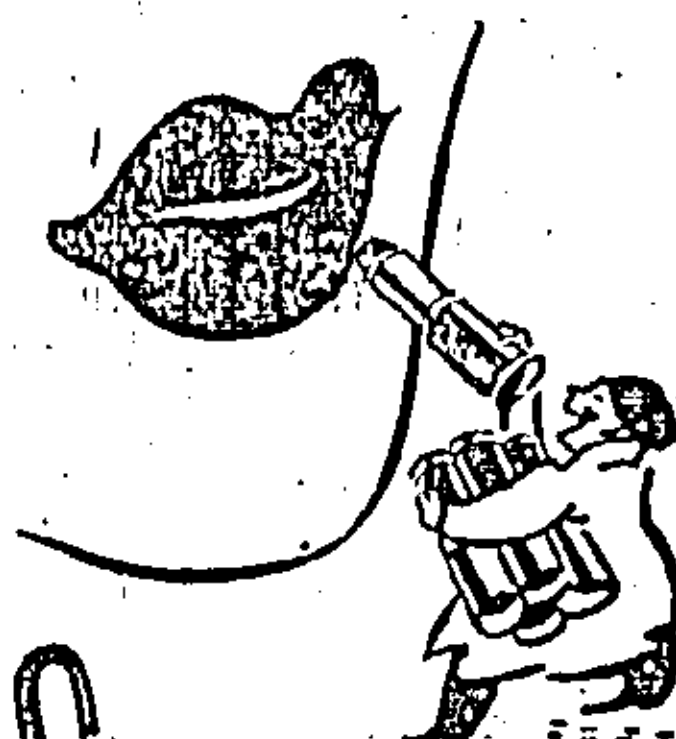
At the after end there is accommodation for 12 passengers in two-berth staterooms. The officers, engineers, and crew are all accommodated in the 'tween deck and steel houses aft. Thermolank ventilation is fitted to this accommodation. A large dining saloon and smoke room are provided. Electric lighting is fitted throughout the vessel.

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Three Men Of 'Reckless Resolve'

THREE Merchant Service captains who outwitted U-boats on the high seas, an able seaman, and an obscure Indian mahout—elephant driver—in a Bengal jungle have been linked as heroes in the pages of the London Gazette.

The three captains each received the Order of the British Empire—the first awards made to the Merchant Service in this war. They are:—

Captain Thomas H. Farrar, of the Baharistan (5,479 tons), owned by the Strick Line, London.

Commander Edward T. Grayston, D.S.C., R.N.R. (retired), of the 8,457-ton Karamea (Shaw Savill and Albion Co., Ltd., London).

Captain Albert A. White, of the 4,803-ton Stonepool (Sir R. Roper and Co., West Hartlepool).

The able seaman is Frederick George Hayter, gunlayer of the Stonepool. He received the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for a five-hour fight with a U-boat.

That is the award, too, which Alhman Sing Dhanwar, somewhere in Jalpaiguri, Bengal, will receive for his jungle exploit.

Here are the heroes' stories, as told by the London Gazette:—

His ship was not armed. She was suddenly attacked at dead of night by an enemy submarine at very short range, not far off shore near Land's End.

The U-boat fired from ahead of her, on her seaward bow, so that to escape she had to turn towards the land.

The master could not have been blamed for heaving to and abandoning ship. But he determined at great risk to defy the enemy, and at once brought the gun flash astern.

The submarine brought her searchlight to bear, extinguished it, and continued firing. All shots fell very close, but by the bold decision and ready skill of her master, Baharistan made good her escape.

His ship was not armed. She was chased for four hours by the U-boat which sank the Bretagne (a 10,000-ton French ship). The U-boat fired on her lifeboats, killing seven people.

The enemy fired at least thirty shells, many of which fell within a few feet of the Karamea's hull.

The master felt he could expect no quarter. He therefore made up his mind to defy the enemy and attempt escape.

He was supported by the whole crew in this courageous but reckless resolve.

His act of faith was justified in the event, and saved his ship.

[At his home at East Parleikh, near Barnstaple, Kent, Commander Grayston said: "Destroyers appeared after four hours, and the submarine died. I can't say if they sank it. We weren't hit in the chase—we only got a splinter."]

On sighting a U-boat, the Stonepool manned her gun in about two minutes, and exchanged shot for shot with the enemy.

The shooting was good, and the fifteenth shot may well have hit or damaged the U-boat, whose thirteenth or fourteenth shot holed the Stonepool two feet above the waterline.

By resolute and skilful action the master saved his ship. The discipline was excellent, and the gunlayer and gun crew did very well.

Last of all, the story of Mr. A. V. Pullan, manager of a Bengal ten estate, went hunting with Alhman Sing for a tigress that had mauled a coolie.

The tigress ambushed the hunters. Their elephants bolted in panic, and Mr. Pullan and his mahout were thrown to the ground.

Alhman Sing rolled his elephant, charged back and rescued his two companions. Mr. Pullan was severely injured.

These stories of heroism from two sides of the Empire, the seas and the jungle, are linked in the London Gazette by the words: "The KING has been graciously pleased . . ."

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By I. T.

I'M spending my first Christmas in hospital. A memorable experience, and a surprisingly happy one.

There was little enough of the Christmas spirit about me when the ambulance whined at the door. I avoided my mother's eyes and remembered that thousands of people have operations and don't die, and thousands of people spend Christmas in hospital every year and manage to enjoy it.

But it was a bad moment pinned helpless in blankets and carried on a stretcher in the quiet, dark road.

Well, here I am, weak as a kitten, minus an appendix and looking forward to my Christmas dinner. The nurses are having a great fun transforming the men's ward, which is near my room.

They are pinning "look paneling" on the walls with drawing pins.

Two small boys, Peter and Stewart, keep up a non-stop conversation on how to sidetrack Father Christmas into the hospital when he finds they are not at home.

Everybody is looking forward to seeing their faces when Doctor Santa Claus turns up.

MY sister bought a clockwork Donald Duck for me from a pavement

toy vendor. Nobody from the matron's downwards has been able to resist it.

I c y g giggle at its indignant squawking. An old gentleman of seventy-six is in the next room to mine. He's had his operation and is doing fine.

There's another of seventy and another of seventy-five. Imagine having operations at that age, all you healthy folk—and be thankful for your own sound bodies.

German People Want Peace

Remark By Nazi
U-Boat Officer

"The German people do not want war. I don't want it myself. I am only carrying out my duty."

This statement was made by a German submarine officer after his ship had sunk the British steamer Blairlogie.

Ronald Farrell (19), a university student, who was working on the steamer as a cabin boy during his vacation and who has now arrived at his home at Hamilton from New York, where survivor of Blairlogie were taken by the liner American Shipper, said that after the ship was sunk the submarine circled round two ship's boats.

"An officer who looked like a chief mate asked us if we had any wounded or sick on board our boat and if we had food. He inquired whether everything was all right and stood by until a boat was put into ship-shape as it had shipped some water. He gave us two stone bottles of gin and a large carton of cigarettes. He gave me a packet of cigarettes as a souvenir.

"I noticed that the submarine crew seemed to be all young men about thirty years of age or less."

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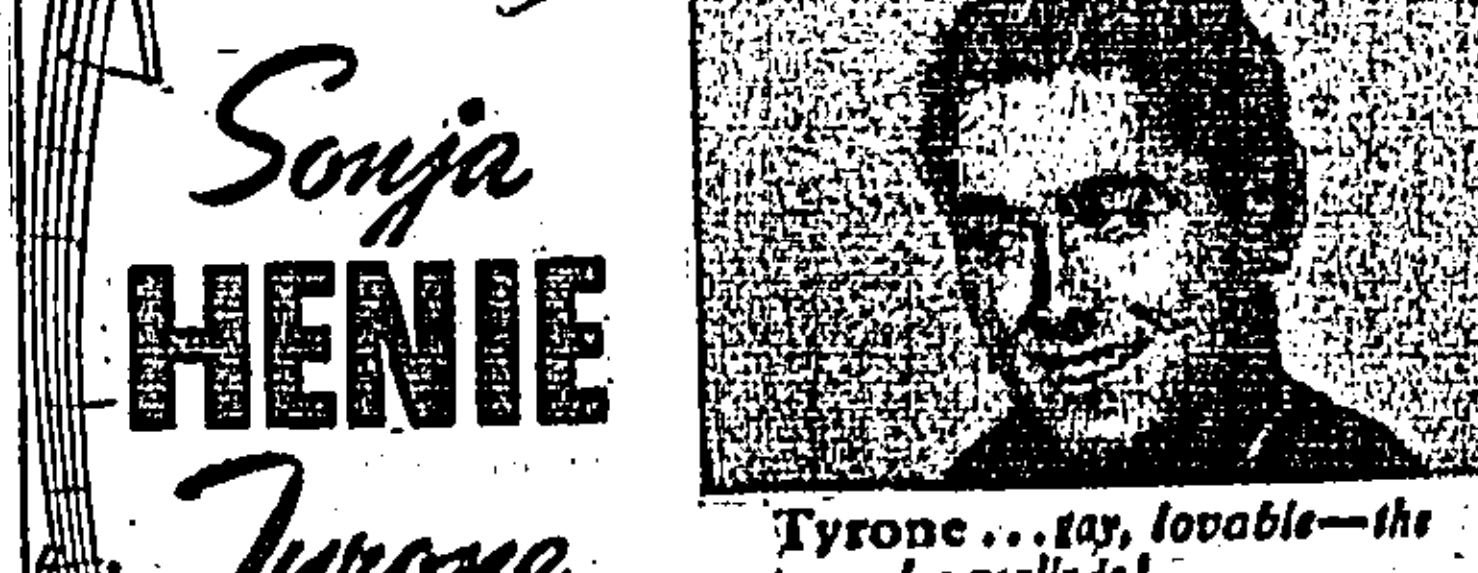
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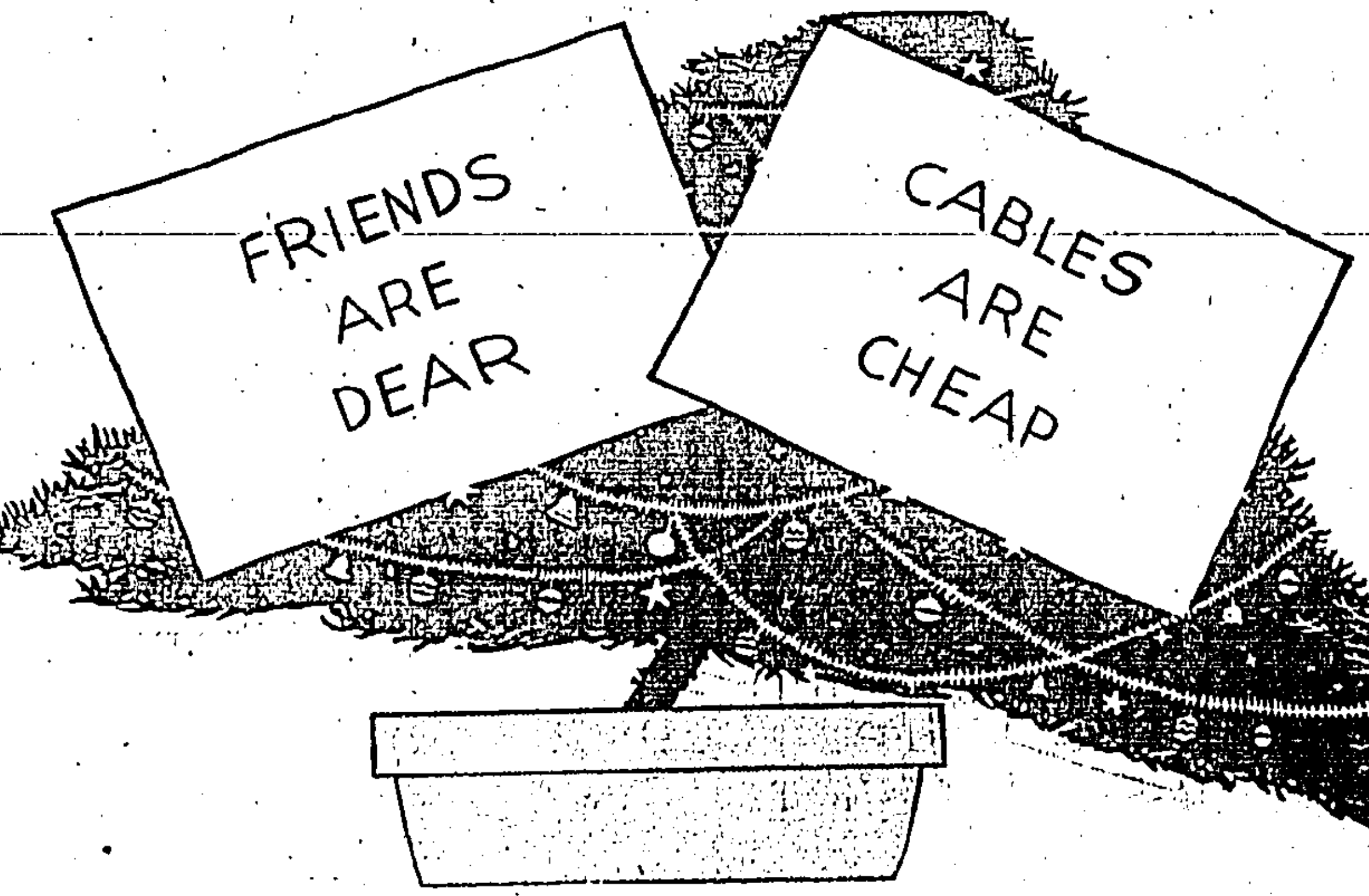
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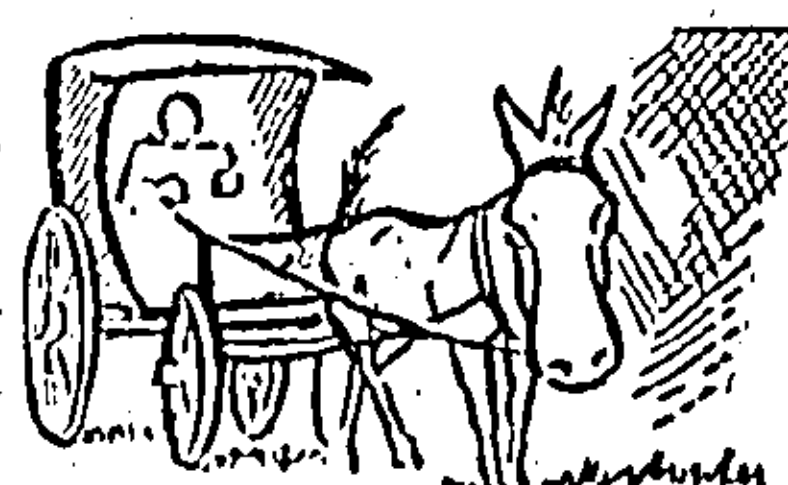
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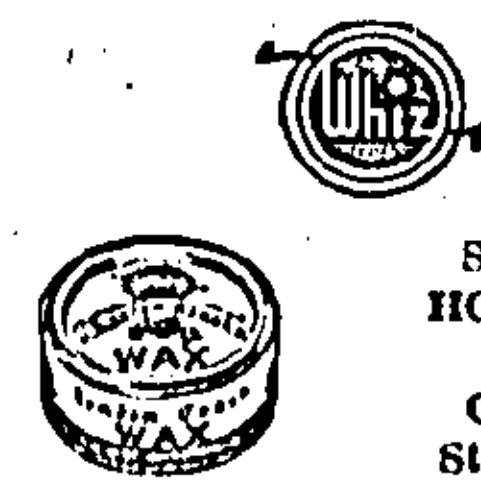
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Eviction Laws

Mr. Justice Fraser's carefully weighed comments in his judgment concerning an eviction claim, the text of which appeared in our columns yesterday, illuminatingly reveal the peculiar premises upon which the Hongkong Eviction Ordinance is based. Complaint is not directed against the learned judge's decision; if anything, one can sympathise with him, for he was at times clearly torn between the necessity of strictly applying the law and the inhuman implications which thereby became apparent.

It probably comes as a shock to many to know that under the Hongkong law, "hardship" for a tenant does not mean being asked to pay rent which is beyond his purse. Anybody in such an unfortunate position, says the law, must clear out and get into cheaper accommodation, even though that may involve living in a house which is vulnerable to fire dangers, has no flush system and boasts only wooden staircases. Such dwelling houses are for the poor. If you want anything better, you must be able to afford it.

This sounds harsh, and practice proves it, even though the law deny it. The Eviction Ordinance may well be criticised on this ground, and justifiable demands made for a revision of fundamental philosophy upon which it is based. But the simpler method, and one which would provide less headaches and heartaches for litigants in eviction cases, would be the introduction of a separate Government measure prohibiting dwelling houses which are invitations to a Guy Fawkes bonfire, which have no flush systems, and which, generally speaking, require a stretch of the imagination to be described as habitable.

Mr. Justice Fraser called these conditions "amenities which are

MANY COOKS MAKE A CHRISTMAS PUDDING

WE celebrate Christmas in 1939 on the 1603rd anniversary of the day that Julius, Bishop of Rome, first fixed for Christians to commemorate their Saviour's birth.

But 200 years before Bishop Julius the scattered congregations of the early Church had been honouring Christ's birthday then.

And for many centuries before and after these celebrations have been added to out of the mythology, the folk-lore and the history of all the nations.

The Christmas that we know in England has borrowed its trappings from many sources over many centuries—from the Druids who first hung the mistletoe bough to Albert Prince Consort who introduced the first Christmas tree.

THE last days of December were a festival long before Christ was born in Bethlehem. They are the turn of the year.

The daylight, shortest on December 21, has begun to lengthen out again; the sun, as the simple peoples that once adored it saw, gives promise of a glorious return and the wheel—the Yule is the Gothic word for it—has come full circle.

Before Caesar landed in Kent the Druids went forth when the days began to lengthen to cut the mistletoe from the oak, a tree held holy to the sun god.

They distributed a sprig to every home, where it was hung over the doorway to invite the god's protection. Marriages sealed by a kiss under the mistletoe were held lucky. That was 2,000 years ago; but we still kiss under the mistletoe bough when Christmas comes.

THE Romans, every schoolboy is taught, brought Britain roads, laws and buildings. They also brought Christmas decorations, paper caps and Christmas presents. December 25 was at the season of their feast of Saturn, who, they said, had been King of the Gods in the vanished golden age.

On the feast of Saturn, the houses were decked with bays and holly, friends gave each other presents and for ten days the social ties were broken and Jack was as good as his master.

Rich men waited on their slaves and parents on their children and men made merry with masks and coloured caps and paper noses.

The Romans departed from Britain—leaving their Saturnalia behind them; the Pagan Norsemen came in.

They came with a new Christmas rite—the Yule log. It was their custom at the close of every year to light a huge log which was supposed to burn away all the hatreds and worries of the past 12 months and enable men to make another start.

Later the Yuletide log was replaced by a giant candle—and the little candles on our Christmas trees to-day are the last relic of it.

ALONG with the Yule log the Norsemen brought their "trial by ordeal." An accused man had to carry a hot iron bar a certain distance. If his scar healed within a certain time he was pronounced innocent. A milder form of the ordeal, a kind

not necessities." It hardly seems possible, in these days of vaunted progress, that the law should demand such a statement. It is high time the authorities turned these so-called amenities into necessities. Until they do, Hongkong's laws are likely to carry a stigma of far greater meaning than Mr. Bumble's cynical quip.

of travesty of it, became popular at the Christmas festival when so much else was travestied. This was the Snopdragon—a dish of lighted fruits, which the guests had to pick out of the flames with their fingers.

In the West Country a jug of cider in which a lighted candle has been fixed is drunk at Christmas. It is called a flag dragon.

With the Mediaeval Church came the carols, the earliest go back to King Henry III's day, and the stockings and Santa Claus.

He is St. Nicholas, the patron saint of Bari, who gave all his patrimony away in gifts to poor girls so that they might be furnished with a marriage portion. St. Nicholas' Day is December 6.

Before the Reformation little girls used to hang up their stockings overnight in the belief that before morning came St. Nicholas would visit them and fill it with his gifts. But after the Reformation abolished St. Nicholas feast the custom was transferred to Christmas day.

But it was not until Elizabeth had been on the throne for 30 years that Englishmen began to bake their pies in pastry shaped to recall the manger where the infant Jesus lay.

These were the first mince-

pies and their contents were precisely the same as the ones we eat in 1939. Turkeys and plum puddings were not known as Christmas dishes then—the traditional fare was the boar's head, decked with rosemary and served with plenty of mustard.

BUT when Cromwell abolished Christmas under the Commonwealth, disliking the Pagan origin of some of its ceremonies, he abolished the boar's head along with it and that dish was never restored.

Charles II. brought Christmas back to England, though he never could persuade the Scots to restore the old feast when they restored the old monarchy.

And in good King Charles' golden days we find the first turkeys and the first plum puddings.

The turkey does not come from Turkey. It was called a turkey derisively by the Greeks because of the bird's pompous strut and the scarlet "fez" on its head. Its home was in New England and when the Pilgrim Fathers celebrated their first harvest after landing in the new world in 1621 they naturally feasted on the fowl that was most plentiful locally. From a thanksgiving dish in new Eng-

land the Turkey became a Christmas dish in old England in about 1660.

It was known here before that. Sailors from the New World returned with some specimens as far back as 1640, when Archbishop Cranmer forbade his clergy to have more than one turkeycock served up at a single meal.

THE original plum pudding was served with the first course as a special Christmas bread.

Currants, spices and raisins were mixed with the dough and the whole compound came in a special dish called a plum porridge. In the course of the eighteenth century all the elements of a Christmas celebration settled down into their present place.

So did the ingredients in the plum pudding, which was established in its modern form by 1798, when the poet, Coleridge described in his letters how home impressed he had become with the Christmas tree in Germany. He died 10 years too soon to see it introduced into England in the eighteenth century when, after Queen Victoria's marriage, it first set the seal on every Merry Christmas.

George Edinger.

Packing The Christmas Dinners Presents In The Past

HALF the joy of receiving presents is the exciting job of unwrapping them. Remember this when you start to tie up your gifts, and spend a few pence on attractive packing material.

Fancy boxes, seasonably designed wrapping paper and tape, coloured string, Christmas seals and labels, can be bought cheaply.

With these additions you may dress up your gifts in their "party frocks," and in so doing give double pleasure to the recipients.

But don't forget the commonsense part of the packing as well. Make sure that your presents will travel safely, and not give your friends the wrong kind of surprise by sending gifts which arrive in "pieces." Parcels are bound to get a lot of knocking about at this time of year if you send them by post or rail, so they must be well protected.

Corrugated cardboard is an excellent shock absorber, and so is crumpled newspaper. Tissue paper can be used, too, and has the advantage of making any present look more valuable.

TURKEY and Christmas pudding! The traditional British Christmas dinner. So, at least, it is popularly supposed. Yet actually the Christmas dinners of our forefathers were very different from ours.

What, then, did they eat at Christmas time? (Earliest predecessor of the turkey was undoubtedly the boar's head which, decorated with bay and rosemary, was brought to the table with great ceremony amid a flourish of trumpets.)

The important thing is to see that the present is not loose in the parcel, but packed around tightly so that it cannot move. A plain brown paper wrapping, may be used to cover the more attractive one inside. Tie this round firmly with strong string and stick on a gummed label.

Here are a few hints which, if followed, should ensure your gifts reaching their destinations in good condition and at the right moment:—

Address all labels very plainly—block letters are best.

Put an addressed label inside the parcel as well as out, in case the wrapper gets torn.

Enclose sender's name and address—in case of non-delivery.

G. O. J.

The swan was another favourite at the ancient Christmas feast. So, too, was the peacock, which served up decked with its own gorgeous plumage and its beak gilded—a most ornate dish, doubtless, though by all accounts, not at all palatable.

Strange Flavours

Though much of the food was the same as we eat nowadays, it must have tasted very different. Strange ideas of cookery prevailed in centuries past. Instead of separating flavours, the aim apparently was, to mingle as many incongruous ones as possible.

Sweet ingredients were freely mixed with all ones, and real savoury dishes were rare. The compounds were generally smothered in spices or condiments, often including sugar, or, as that was then a costly commodity, the native substitute, honey.

Confectionery of a sort existed. The medieval table was plentifully strewn with sugar comfits, nougat, and quaint sugar shapes known as "sabbettes," and sundry other little. Colouring dainties were extensively used, particularly saffron. Cuchinal was employed from the earliest times.

Wines And Wassail

Foreign wines, heavily spiced, were imported to augment the native drinks, cider, ale, and mead. Also, there was the time-honoured wassail bowl, filled with hot spiced ale, in which roasted apples floated.

A Christmas dish of widespread consumption, however, was that termed "frumenty." This in its simplest form was milled wheat, seasoned and boiled in milk. After various enrichments, this frumenty evolved into a concoction termed "Plum Porridge," which was generally composed of raisins, prunes, gingerbread and sundry other ingredients, stewed in beef or mutton broth and richly spiced. It is difficult to imagine what it tasted like, but anyhow, from this extraordinary "Porridge," probably emanated our present Christmas pudding.

The modern mince pie is another reproduction, though a much modified one, of a medieval delicacy. Originally it was called "mutton pie." A fourteenth-century recipe for a Christmas, or mince pie includes pleasant, hony, capon, partridge, pheasant, eggs pickled muskmelon, salt, pepper, spices, and vinegar. In directing the meat to be chopped up, the recipe naively advises that as many bones be taken out as possible.

Our own idea of Christmas plenty is positively abominable judged by the standards of other ages. One's appetite is spoiled even by reading the list of edibles offered to guests.

For a Christmas dinner in the reign of Charles II there were provided two courses, with twenty-one dishes in each. Sirloin of beef is one dish, so is roast lamb, and swan, yet another. Towards the end comes a dish of larks, necks, tongues, and salted geese.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It's a bargain when you stop to figure how wages and materials have gone up since the war!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

"Glory" At A High Price

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—To Nazi Germany such an end may be glorious, says the "New York Times" commenting on Captain Langford's suicide. "But it is glory at a high price—the price of tradition and respect of other men and nations and perhaps eventually of German morale."

The paper contrasts this with the death of Captain Kennedy of the "Rawalpindi". It says that the world will be left to wonder even more whether there is not a melodramatically suicidal tendency running through all the structure of the Nazi regime.

WESTERN FRONT

NEW NAZI TACTICS

Tip-And-Run Methods Being Adopted

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—On the Western Front, the Germans have renewed their patrol activity, particularly in the Saar region.

New tactics consist of tip-and-run raids conducted by parties of from 30 to 100 men.

No attempt is made to seize new positions, but there has been heavy fighting between French and German infantry, and skirmishes are frequently ending in hand-grenade duels.

Recrudescence Of Activity

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—A communique issued to-day says that there was a marked recrudescence of activity in the air over Lorraine and Alsace.

Nazis Over Belgium Government Lodge A Protest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BRUSSELS, Dec. 21 (Reuters). The Government has protested to Germany against the flights of German planes over Belgium.

It is officially stated that Belgian fighters and A.A. batteries drove off foreign planes which flew over various parts of the country to-day.

The encounter occurred in the provinces of Luxembourg and Liege, while at Bruges a German plane, which was engaged by a Belgian patrol, opened fire without effect.

Stalin's 60th Birthday

Press Waxes Poetical

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (Reuters).—The Soviet Press contained no news of the operations in Finland to-day but devoted large tracts of space to Stalin's 60th birthday.

"They grow quite poetic about him, speaking in lyrical terms of his 'wisdom, ability and nobleness.'"

It is interesting to note in connection with the decoration of the Order of Lenin, the highest order in Soviet Russia which has been bestowed on Stalin, that the last recipient was the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop.

Ulstermen Join The Colours

LONDON, Dec. 21 (British Wireless).—Recruiting in Northern Ireland where the National Service Act does not apply continues vigorously.

Besides recruits for local units, large numbers are attending for units in Great Britain.

Except for certain tradesmen and specialists the new anti-aircraft regiment is up to strength. So is the Ulster anti-aircraft brigade.

While the Royal Navy and the R.A.F. are obtaining recruits, the Army appears to make by far the strongest appeal in Ulster.

High Commissioner For S.A. Leaves

LONDON, Dec. 21 (British Wireless).—Sir Edward Harding, the United Kingdom High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa, and High Commissioner for High Commission territories left London to-day, accompanied by Lady Harding, to take up his appointment. The Secretary for Dominion Affairs saw him off.

Yangtse Issue

RIVER TO OPEN IN TWO MONTHS' TIME

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

Rear-Admiral Kanazawa, navy spokesman, told foreign correspondents to-day that the Yangtse and Pearl Rivers would probably be opened two months hence.

He said considerable preparation was necessary, such as alteration of wharves from military to commercial usages, removal of river obstructions, etc.

Answering a question as to whether the re-opening had any connection with the forthcoming expiration of the trade treaty with the United States, the spokesman said the navy has been making an effort to re-open the rivers as soon as possible. Political considerations have not effected the decision, but naturally diplomats might obtain some advance information.—United Press.

Wang Has His Say

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

To-day the Central China Daily News, Chinese language mouthpiece of Wang Ching-wel, declares in an editorial, "It will only be by adjusting Sino-Japanese relations that Japan may be able to find a successful conclusion of the Japanese-American negotiations."

"The announcement regarding the re-opening of the Yangtze and plans to remove the Pearl River restrictions are all for the benefit of the Japanese-American trade negotiations, but will these offers bring about a successful conclusion of the negotiations?"

"It appears not so easy." The Japanese-American trade negotiations are in reality negotiations on the China problem, but the Japanese re-opening of the Yangtze and Pearl rivers is only directed at trade, and does not cover the China problem as a whole.

"The United States is allowing the negotiations to drag on, pending clarification of Russian policy. The only way to break the deadlock is for Japan to reach a peace agreement with China."

The Journal warns Japan against delayed conclusion of the Japanese-American negotiations, which would be detrimental to Tokyo, since the United States may in the first stages of the European war conclude an agreement with the Soviet to solve the Japanese problem and then join the Anglo-French front in a fight against the Soviet in the later stages of the war.—Reuters.

Reception In London

London, Dec. 21.

The Japanese promise to re-open the Yangtze to third party shipping is favourably regarded in well-informed quarters as giving evidence of a more constructive policy on the part of the Tokyo Government, says The Times diplomatic correspondent.

Its object clearly is to pave the way for better relations with the United States in the hope that the State Department will renew the Commercial Treaty with Japan. The secondary object may well be the improvement of Anglo-Japanese relations. In any case the Japanese Government is considered to have shown not a little courage in initiating a policy which cannot commend itself to the 'advanced' elements in the Army.—Reuters Special.

Welcomed In London

London, Dec. 21.

The reopening of the Yangtze has naturally been welcomed, says The Times city correspondent. It is the first direct step towards the restoration of Shanghai's great entrepot trade, but the actual effect of the move is, in reality, not likely to be very great. By devious ways goods have been finding their way from up country districts to Shanghai. These arrivals have supplied

nish pilot on the Salmijaervi front found a slightly damaged Russian bomber abandoned.

He succeeded in hastily repairing it and joined the Russian flight and accompanied it back to the Russian air base.

He hovered in the background while the others landed, then bombed and machine-gunned the Russian machines. He then flew home.—United Press.

Finns Fight Back

Helsinki, Dec. 21.

Overnight the Russian forces of tanks, artillery, infantry and aeroplanes continued a determined attempt to fight through to the Mannerheim Line on the western or Finnish Gulf side of the Karelian Isthmus and place their mechanized forces on the excellent roads which lead to Helsinki.

The first night air raid alarm was sounded in Helsinki last night. No bombs were dropped and no planes were sighted over the central part of the city. The all clear sounded in half an hour. It was a brilliant moonlight night.

A similar alarm was sounded in Hangoo, on the south-western tip of Finland. At many places planes were seen over cities. It had not been learned at a late hour whether any bombs were dropped.—United Press.

mented cargoes brought down the Yangtze by Japanese shipping and the activities of the port have been slowly reviving.

Nanking is a little more than 100 miles up the Yangtze, a small part of the River's long course into the Chinese hinterland. To exert an important influence on the volume of river traffic reaching Shanghai it will be necessary to open the river up to Hankow. Still the development is a hopeful sign and as such has found reflection in a firmer tendency for the Chinese dollar.—Reuters.

Comment In France

Paris, Dec. 21.

While nothing with satisfaction the Japanese Government's announced intention of partially re-opening the Yangtze River, well-informed circles in Paris do not underestimate the difficulties surrounding the question.

It is felt here that the matter is one which primarily concerns Britain because of her river traffic, although France and other European countries and America are also concerned.

It seems inevitable that such questions must arise as the presence of Japanese troops along the banks of the Yangtze, river bargages, Japanese demands for a strict watch on movements in order to stop the supply of arms to the army of Chiang Kai-shek, and Japanese control of the Customs. It is pointed out that whether the creation of a convoy system for the purpose of stopping the arms traffic would meet the Japanese case is a problem which must require close attention.—Reuters.

Discussion In Tokyo

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

M. Arsene Henry, the French Ambassador, called on the Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, this afternoon.

It was understood the French Ambassador sought an explanation of the Japanese Government's announcement regarding the preparations for re-opening the Yangtze River.

Other outstanding questions between Japan and France were also understood to have been discussed.—Domel.

Too Vague A Promise

London, Dec. 21.

The Times' Washington correspondent says that there is obviously a feeling here that more must be heard about the conditions that American shipping would have to accept on the Yangtze when reopened, particularly what other definite suggestions Japan is willing to make.

Something more than mere gestures are required, if denunciation of the Commercial Treaty is to be softened.—Reuters.

WATCH ON FREIGHTER

Little Hope Of Nazi Ship Escaping

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, Dec. 21 (UP).—Seven warships are at present in this neighbourhood, apparently watching the German freighter Arauca, which has been indefinitely interned at Port Everglades.

Coastal observers state that three submarines of unknown nationality are visible from the shore, apparently four miles out in the Atlantic, while two destroyers, one of which is reported to be American, are in the vicinity.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: The market remains quiet and also steady.

Buyers
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Union Ins. \$405
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Admiral Harwood Known in Colony

Commodore H. H. Harwood (now Rear-Admiral) of the American and West Indies Squadron, who commanded the three cruisers, H.M.S. Exeter, Ajax and Achilles, is well-known on the China Station, having served as Commander and Executive Officer in H.M.S. Cumberland in 1928-29 under Captain A. L. Snagge, afterwards Rear-Admiral Snagge.

Commodore Harwood was extremely well-known along the China coast and one of his particular qualifications is that of a torpedo specialist.

Neutral Shipping Bombed by Nazis

Nazi airmen have carried out attacks on neutral ships following the bombing and sinking of unarmed British trawlers. A Norwegian ship, carrying two women, was bombed and sunk in the North Sea and the crew and passengers machine-gunned by German airmen as they took to the boats.

Machine-Gunned In Water

Oslo, Dec. 21.

The unarmed Scottish trawler Trinity was smashed to smithereens when two German planes dropped seven bombs on her. It was revealed to-day when a Danish trawler arrived at Egersund with eight survivors of her crew.

The Nazi planes attacked the boat with bombs and machine guns, forcing the crew to take refuge below deck. When the ship began to sink, the crew jumped into the sea and clung to the wreckage. The planes then machine-gunned them, and when the Danish vessel arrived a stoker had been drowned and another man wounded in the leg, while a cook, aged 60, died of shock aboard the Danish ship.—Reuters.

Attack On Neutral

Oslo, Dec. 21.

The Norwegian steamer Rogaland arrived at Kopervik to-day with a crew of 13 from the Estonian vessel Utsa, including two women and the Utsa captain.

It was stated that the vessel was attacked on Tuesday in the North Sea, 80 miles from the Norwegian coast, by a Nazi plane which dropped five bombs, one of which sank the ship. The plane machine-gunned the crew, but was taking to the boats and one man was hit. The crew were adrift for 15 hours.—Reuters.

Latvian Ship Lost

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.

The Latvian steamer Audakla arrived at the Hook of Holland to-day with 16 survivors of the crew of the Swedish vessel Adolf Bratt, 1,300 tons, mined and sunk near Terschliling.

Four of the Adolf Bratt's crew were drowned and one died aboard the Audakla.—Reuters.

Danish Steamer

Oslo, Dec. 21.

The Danish steamer Mars has been sunk by a German mine in the North Sea.

Six survivors have been landed. Seven men are believed to have been killed.—Reuters.

French Share

Paris, Dec. 21.

Official statistics show that the Allies up to December 16 have seized 87,000 tons of contraband merchandise. The French Navy seized 362,000 tons, including 74,000 last week. The British Navy seized 263,000 tons last week.—Reuters.

Diverting Shipping

Singapore, Dec. 21.

The beginning of what is likely to be a growing tendency to divert American ships to the Far East was announced to-day.

The City of Newport News, City of Los Angeles, City of Norfolk and City of San Francisco, formerly of the United States Lines, will be operated in future by the President Line between Singapore and New York via Manila, Los Angeles and Panama.

The Admiral Y. H. Williams, which has been chartered by the President Line, sailed for the United States to-day.—United Press.

Lindbergh's Decision

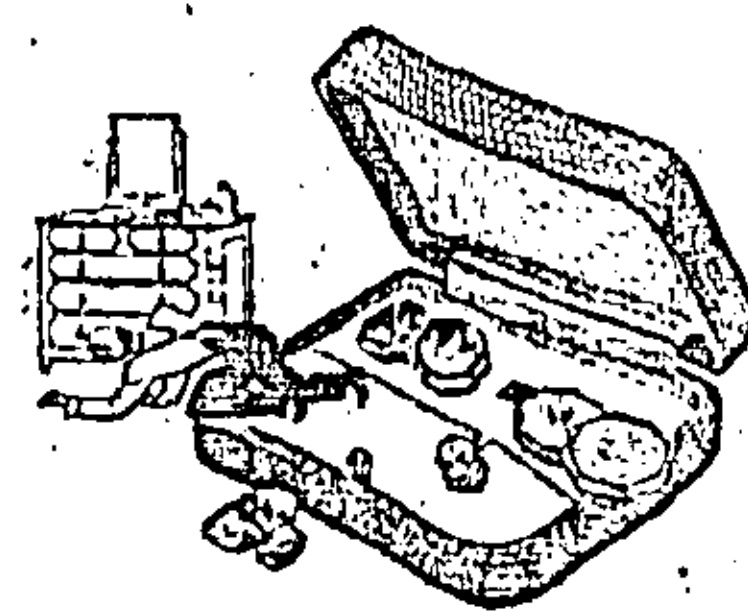
Loses Interest In Aeronautics

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—The White House Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, to-day disclosed that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has resigned from the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, and that the President has appointed Brigadier Walter G. Kliner (Retd) to succeed him.

Mr. Early said Colonel Lindbergh had advised the Committee that he could not be expected to concentrate his attention on aeronautical matters in the future.

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THE SUCCESS of your children's party will depend more on the organisation you put into it than upon the money you spend.

Plan the seating for tea as carefully as you would for a grown-up party. They cannot enjoy the meal unless they are comfortable, and it matters a lot who is sitting next to whom.

Plan the games beforehand; children, when they're invited to a party, expect a party—not a rowdy gathering they could have practically any day.

Think of more games than are likely to be needed, so that if one begins to go a little flat you can start a new one before any one gets bored.

Try to keep the children as much to the same age as possible. Up to seven or eight years they like a mixed party, from eight to fourteen a gathering of their own sex, and from fourteen onwards a mixed one again.

All children are liable to get over-excited at a party and you can't really blame them if they get boisterous after an exciting game. It is a good idea to follow a noisy game by a quiet one; this gives the grown-ups a chance to explain what the next game is to be and how it is played.

If there are younger children at the party you must find some games that both they and the older children can enjoy. Games where music stops are good, as quite young children can understand what they have to do; but don't have too many games where the children fall out, as the babies won't understand why they can't go on playing.

And in games of skill, balloon-



catching and so on, the younger children will spoil the game for the older ones by their lack of skill.

Musical Chairs, Musical Flop and Musical Mat are games every one knows and likes. Musical Flop is best for the small children; all they have to do is sit on the floor when the music stops. The last one down is "out." In Musical Mat the children skip round the room and when the

music stops the one standing on a mat is counted out.

RATS. Rabbits and Rice is a noisy game but a good one if you have plenty of room. The children stand in two rows facing one another, a few paces apart. One row are rabbits and the other rats. A grown-up stands between the rows.



If the leader says "rats" the rats turn and run to the wall behind them. The "rabbits" chase them and try to catch them. Any "rats" caught before they reach their wall join the "rabbits." If the leader says "rabbits" the "rats" do the chasing, but if she says "rice" neither line must move. Anybody who does must join the other line. The game goes on until all the players are on one side.

For quiet games the old guessing and hiding games are best. If you can spare any old curtains and clothes for dressing-up, comrades are grand for the older children.

The younger ones can play Cobbler, Cobbler, Mend My Shoe, Poor Pussy and the Parson's Cat. Every one knows the first two; the last is played by the children taking it in turns to describe the cat with a different adjective beginning with the same letter. For instance, "The parson's cat is an attractive cat." "The parson's cat is an artful cat." And then, for every one, there's always Postman's Knock.

NURSING LECTURES

Lectures and demonstrations will be given to members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service in the New Year on the following days:

January 4, 5.30 p.m., "First Aid" by Surgeon Captain Hobbs, Royal Naval Hospital.

January 5, 5.30 p.m., "Home Nursing" by Dr. Rosenbloom, Kowloon Hospital (Outpatients).

January 8, "Home Nursing" by Dr. Mary Gordon King, Queen Mary Hospital, 5.30 p.m.

The number of candidates attending these classes will be limited to 40. Further lectures will follow.



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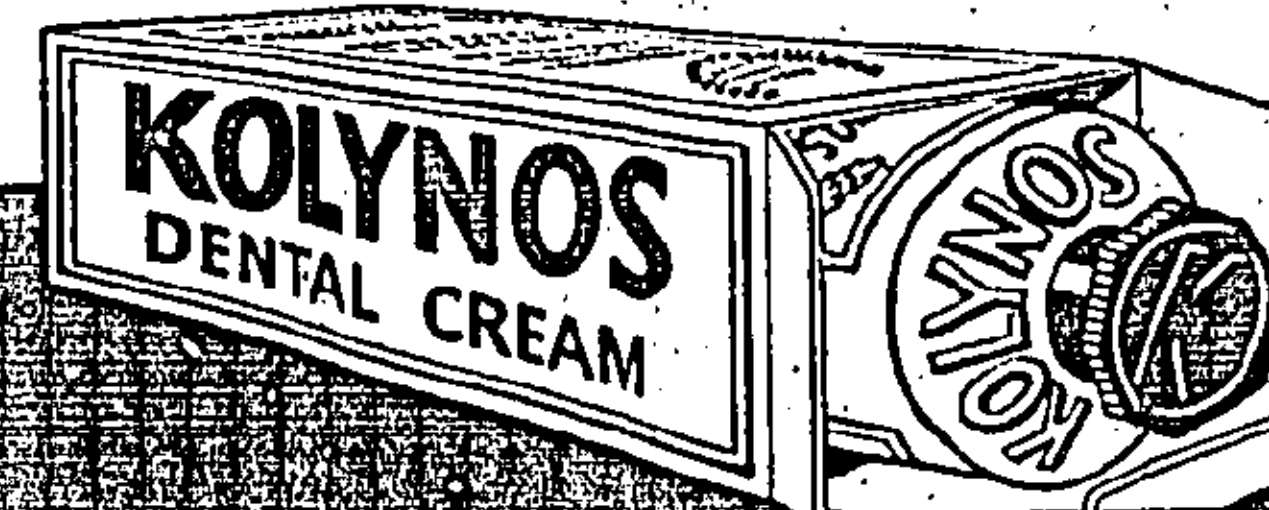
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POWER GENERATION Sakahlén Coal Mining Co. To be Inaugurated

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
Designed to secure self-sufficiency in the supply of coal for power generation in Japan, the Sakahlén Coal Mining Co. will be inaugurated in February, with a capital of Yen 10,000,000, half paid up.

The whole stock of the new company will be held by the Japan Electric Power Supply Company, semi-official power industry control company, and the company will develop the mines at Chinnai and Nairo, in South Sakahlén, whose deposits are estimated at about 100,000,000 metric tons.

Mr. Takeshi Ono, vice-president of the Japan Electric Power Supply Company, will become the president of the new company.—Domei.

NEWSPAPERS REST

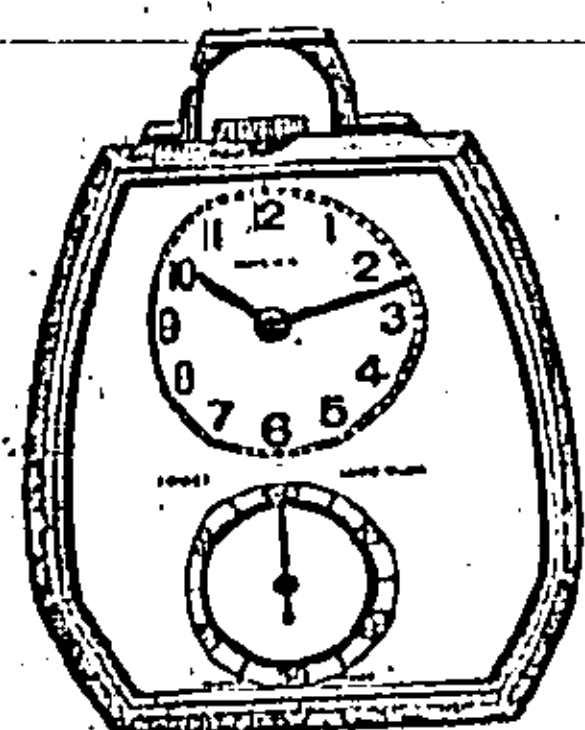
London, Dec. 21.

In spite of the war, the overworked newspapers in London are to take a holiday over Christmas. They will remain closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

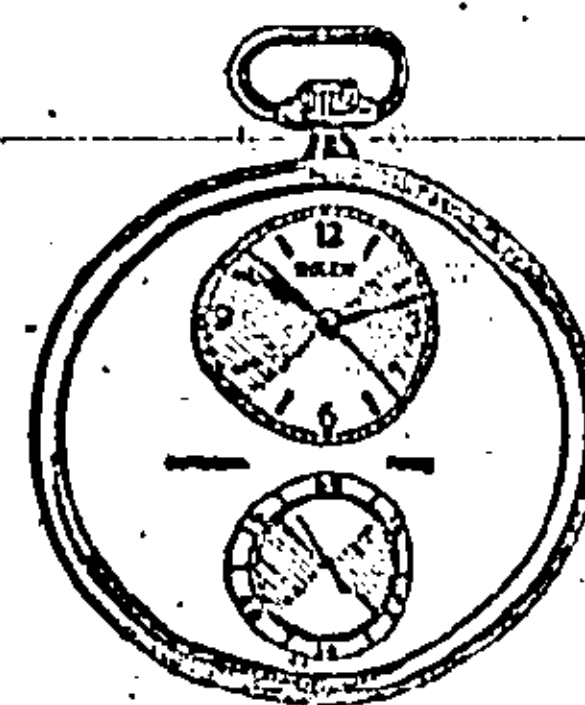
For 48 hours the British public will have to be content with the B.B.C. and foreign broadcasts for its information on European hostilities.—Reuter Special.

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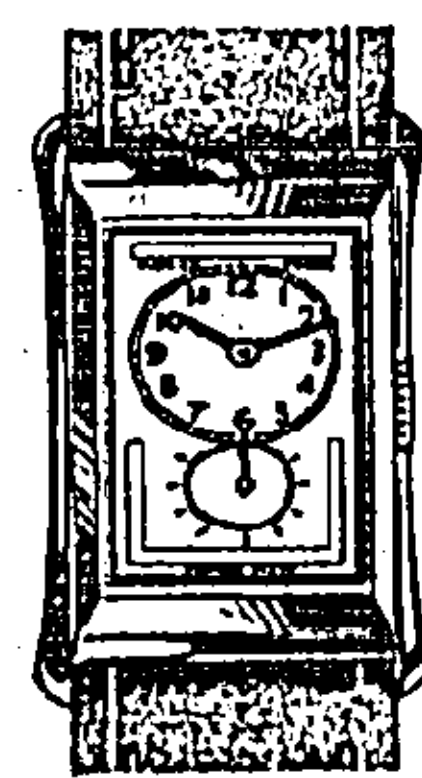


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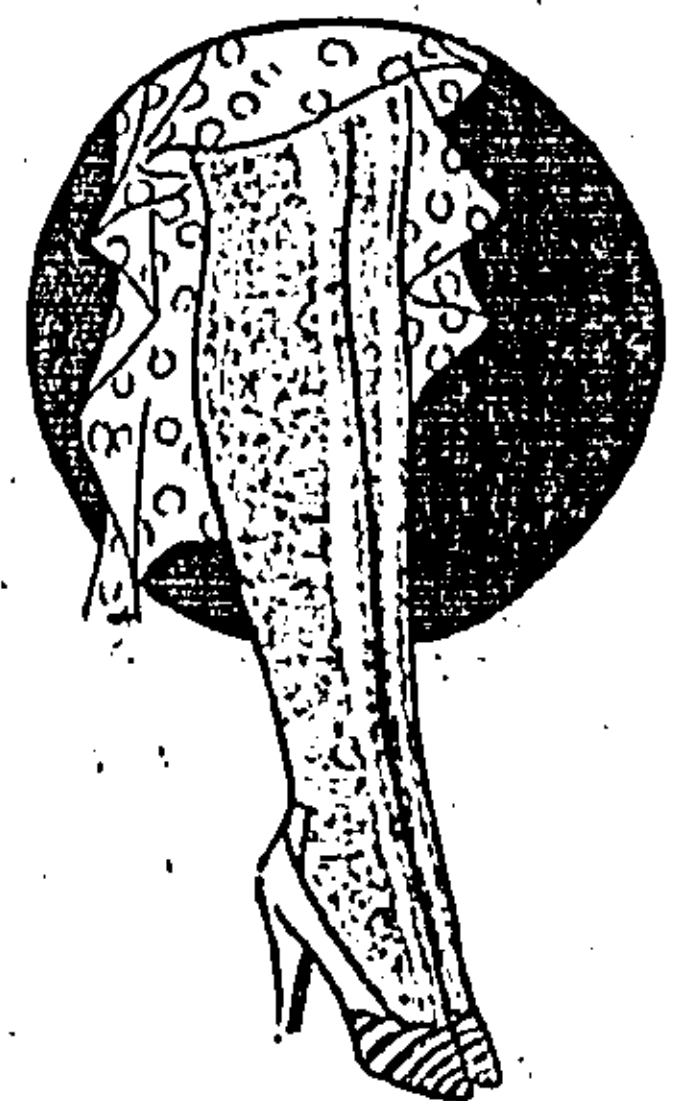


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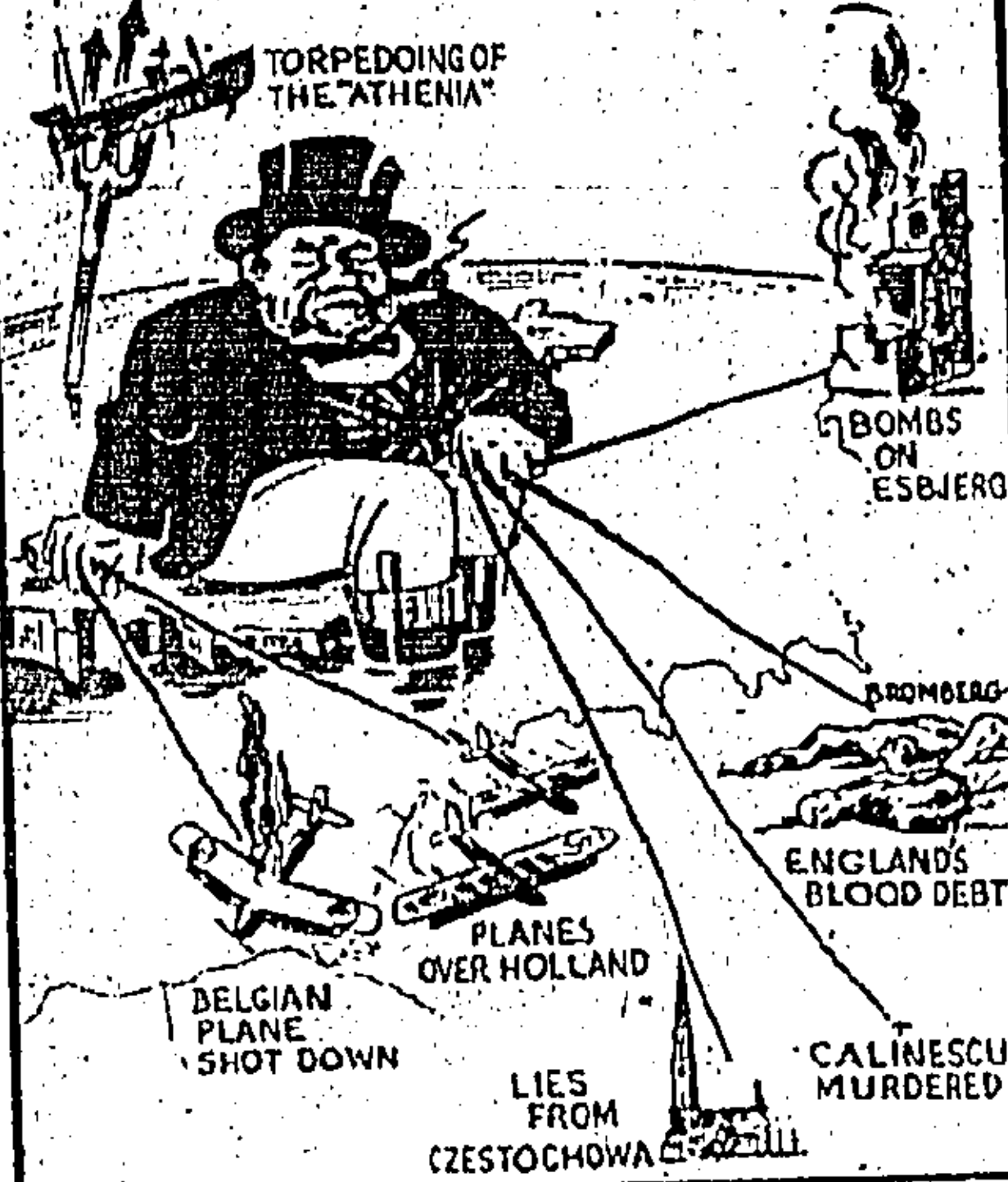
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JOHN BULL IN NAZI EYES

A NAZI propaganda booklet bitterly attacking Britain has been received by thousands of people in Holland. Above is a reproduction of the cover, bearing the words "That is England: World rule through Blood and Gold."

On the right is a cartoon taken from the book (with the German words altered into English). Beneath the cartoon are the words: "This is how England fights. England's weapons are—lies, atrocity, propaganda, breaches of neutrality and murder."



SHE MARRIED A DYING MAN

WHEELED to the altar on a stretcher 16 days before to be married to a girl he had known since his schooldays, Petty Officer William McLoughlin, of the Royal Navy, whose home was in Darlington, has died in hospital. At the time of the ceremony doctors knew that the bride-

groom would not live a month. But they did not tell.

Petty Officer McLoughlin, who was aged 23, had served in the Royal Navy four years. He became engaged to Miss Muriel Edith Winterlood, of Clapham-park, S.W.

They had met years before when Miss Winterlood lived with her parents in Darlington. While in Egypt McLoughlin contracted a disease which affected his heart.

Miss Winterlood decided that the wedding should take place on the day which they had arranged.

McLoughlin was wheeled into the chapel of the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar, near Gosport.

The hospital chapel had been decorated by the admiral's wife, and naval men and nurses watched the ceremony.

Surgeon Commander W. Mussen gave away the bride, and after the ceremony the bridegroom returned to the ward where he had lain for 13 weeks.

Mrs. McLoughlin spent most of her time by her husband's bedside up to the time of his death.

AMERICA PREPARES

Washington, Dec. 21.

The War Secretary Mr. Harry Woodring, broadcasting on national security and moral rearmament, declared that the ever-widening circle of conflict now raging in Europe represented the greatest potential threat to American peace and security. Wars, like forest fires, are wont to spread from small beginnings. Security does not rest alone on the size of the nation's armament.

"My first duty is to see the United States Army is prepared to meet any threat of aggression. I am also vitally interested in the economic structure of the nation and the moral fibre of the nation."

Asking why nations failed to settle disputes around the council table, Mr. Woodring continued: "No wars, however just, can end wars. Wars only weaken and consume civilisation. In Europe the ordinary diplomatic contacts are dwindling and there is an increasing need for a common meeting ground between nations. This is growing up throughout the world in respect to months a vigorous body of opinion upholding that the future of civilisation can only be secured on the foundation of honesty and faith, and which regards it a matter of honour not only to fulfil present pledges but also to admit and accept mistakes. American peace and security rests on the ability of the people to make America strong militarily, economically, morally and spiritually. The fight for moral rearmament gives the hope of war that can really end war."—Reuter.

Big British Purchase

Washington, Dec. 21.

According to the Washington Post, British interests have offered to buy American lumber valued at between £3,750,000 and £7,500,000, also 10 old ships for carrying lumber and cotton.

The paper adds that the deal depends on official approval for the sale of the ships.—Reuter Special.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Geneva, Dec. 21.

Some 140 officials of the League Secretariat were dismissed yesterday. With 80 others recalled by their respective countries for military service, the staff has been reduced by 220 since the war.—Reuter.

Lord Haw-Haw Catches Cold

LORD HAW-HAW, of Germany's Radio Zepp, has developed a nasty cold in the nose, writes Jonah Barrington. But that does not stop him being hurt, pained, indignant about the British blockade.

"Lissen, Bridden," he sniffs. "Why don't you relieve this blockade? There is nothing but a humane or chivalrous abouddid."

In a furious attack upon "Mr. Widdstone Churchill" he tells a fairly tale about "the large number of British ships being severely damaged"—and ex-"Lord Haw-Haw" tells the superiority of the "Gerbig airplades."



Forced To Sleep Handcuffed

BECAUSE somebody at Holborn Empire, London, lost a key, John Oxford, actor villain of "Young England," awakened at dawn one day recently so that a policeman could release him from handcuffs in which he had slept the night.

In the last scene of the play the handcuffs are clapped on him as he is led off the stage under arrest. Then they are unlocked in time for Mr. Oxford to take the curtain.

But at the crucial moment on Friday night the key had vanished—and Mr. Oxford had to go home handcuffed.

"The taxi driver almost refused to take me," he said. "He apparently wanted to drive me to the nearest police station."

"My policeman friend was on duty so I went to bed till he arrived."

MERRY NIGHTS AT THE GLOUCESTER

First class entertainment has been arranged for patrons of the Gloucester Hotel during the Christmas and New Year holidays. The Plaza Boys and a Brunette, talented ballroom tap and character dancers who have just completed a successful tour in India will make their debut to local audiences on Saturday night. These dazzling and daring performers, demonstrating a variety of dances, will appear nightly during the festive season, together with the Duo Passiano who have already established themselves as popular attractions at the Gloucester Hotel.

The Carnival dinner dances on Christmas and New Year's Eve will be extended to 3 a.m. and on Boxing Night to 2 a.m. The Gloucester Continental Orchestra providing the latest dance numbers, and there will be fancy hats, crackers, balloons and novelties to add to the gaiety of the occasions.

Table accommodation is limited and those who have not reserved their tables are advised to do so at once, to avoid disappointment.

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AFTER DESERTING FANLING for more than nine months, Kwanti will again be the land of the living, when, on Boxing Day, the "old time" jumpers will return into the arena to give a display of steeple-chasing and hurdling over the fences and sticks. The Fanling Hunt and Race Club could not have chosen a better day for their official opening meet on account of the Xmas holidays, and I am sure a big crowd of racing enthusiasts will wend their way to the country course.

For the convenience of racing public there will be special trains to and from Fanling, but I have not been able to ascertain the time of departure. The Railway first class return fare is \$2 including admission to the Race-course. Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1, and Service Men in uniform are charged half price.

There are six interesting contests on the card; the first is timed to run off at 2.45 p.m. sharp. A special dollar cash sweep is being conducted on the main event, the Fanling Cup, a handicap flat race for "D" class China ponies over seven furlongs.

Encouraged by the support received from the members of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the last season, there are three flat races (as compared with only one last year for their opening meet) for the minor classes of Australian and China ponies. Happy Valley owners have responded well to the invitation, entries have been most gratifying, especially in the races confined to China ponies among the "D" and "E" classes, each with 16 and 14 nominations respectively.

With the curtain drawn down at Happy Valley, we now look to Fanling to provide us with racing thrills over the birch and brush fences until Spring, but, if the stake money is not raised proportionately in the "chasing and hurdling" events, it should not surprise one to see the field of the jumping contests fall to a low ebb.

Schooling a jumper is an entirely different proposition from flat racing, but the charge at livery in the Hongkong Jockey Club stables does not vary for keeping either a fence or race. Winners of steeple-chase or hurdle events are entitled to a cup or \$75, and it would interest one to know how many successful owners accepted the silver trophy instead of the cash. A pony which runs to a third place on the flat gets \$75—the same as one that wins a steeplechase or hurdle event.

TAIPO HANDICAP

Only Four Entries

THERE are only four entries in the curtain raiser, the Taiipo Handicap, a steeplechase for China ponies over 1½ miles, but the absence of Arabian Cat, Diogenes, Estover, Jack O'Lantern and March Brown (all worthy jumpers) is very conspicuous among the list, and it seems to confirm that even Fanling owners prefer to run their mares on the flat owing to the substantial stake money.

All the ponies named have been entered for the two handicap flats, and no doubt Clowner would have also followed the trail had he not been classified a "C" class rider. Ebony Idol has also been nominated for the main event, and should the owner decide to have a go at the Fanling Cup, there will be only three acceptors.

Mr. Dowling's candidate did not run well at Happy Valley during the second half, and the pony has, in my opinion, a brighter prospect to win here than in the other. Three Farthings gave a good account of himself in the Shataukok Handicap (1½ miles) at the last meeting held in March, and being a younger chaser he will no doubt be a menace to Ebony Idol. I like him.

JORROCKS PLATE

Ban On Winners

THE Jorrocks Plate, a hurdle race for China ponies over 1¼ miles, should be interesting on account of the ban placed on last season's winners.

Centre Forward and Emergency Call are making their debut over the sticks, but I am afraid they are still green. The issue should be fought

out between Jack O'Lantern and The Minx, the former being my fancy.

HOBART HANDICAP

An Interesting Choice

SHOULD all the nominations accept the Hobart Handicap, we shall certainly see a fine flat event for "C" class Australian ponies, and the run is over seven furlongs, starting post being some 300 yards before the dip. Of the ten entries the post of honour has fallen on Ajax with an allotment of 162 lbs., and it is rumoured that the pony, which was responsible for the carrying over of the pool of \$7,523, is not crossing the harbour. Amber II will be ridden by Mr. S. L. Yuen instead of Mr. Ip Kue-yang, and it is interesting to recall that the mare's only win of this season was registered in Fanling at the last meeting.

Brutus (Mr. Trevorton) is considered a pound better racer than Amber II, but we shall see how this will work out after Xmas "good

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The Tardy Handicap at the Valley on Saturday, first leg of the Daily Double, ended in a thrilling win for New Star, next heavily backed to Potentate, which was unplaced. In the top picture, snatched almost near the post, New Star (S. W. Fan), running on the outside, beat the grey Oak Bay (S. W. Tang) by a short head, the latter gaining a similar decision from Humdrum Eve (H. C. Pih) which is hard against the rail. Bottom picture shows the winner being led in.—Home Photos.



Billiards and Snooker

Prison Club Draw

With Garrison

Sgts. Mess

The most interesting encounter which occurred in a Steel Cuisinier League match last night between the Prison Officers' Club and the Garrison Sergeants' Mess was the billiards

tussle between R. Lyte, of the Club, and Cuthbert of the Mess. The latter won by one point. The match was played at Stanley Prison and resulted in a three-points draw.

Details are as follows. Prison Club players being mentioned first: Billiards—T. Gooding v Stokes, 100-77; G. Gooding v Brown, 100-59; R. Lyte v Cuthbert, 149-150.

Snooker—R. Grindley v Stokes, 39-60; F. Hill v Hancock, 30-50; S. Marvin v Morris, 68-32.

Urchin, Glorious Star and Spectrum. With the first named pony out of the road I see no reason why Sea Urchin should not present her card to register the first win for Major Oliver, with Glorious Star and Spectrum following in the rear.

THE FANLING CUP

Big Field Running

WE shall certainly see a big field (16 entries) in the main event, the Fanling Cup, a handicap flat for "D" class China ponies and the run is over seven furlongs. Attention of novices is drawn to the fact that the jockey allowance is 8 lbs. (eight pounds) instead of 5 lbs. granted at Happy Valley.

The additional allowance should be the medium of inducing more punters, who are out for big money, and it will no doubt evoke interest in the pari-mutuel department.

On the strength of his good performance at Happy Valley last Saturday, Piet Hein has been set to carry 7 lbs. penalty over the scale weight, and I see The Leopard is in the same boat. I cannot understand why the latter should receive such treatment for doing nothing in the first section of the "D" class company.

Estover knows every corner of the Kwanti course, and Mr. Stanton's candidate is nicely weighted. Put some of your Xmas bonus on this grey gelding. Golden Cow has come

back to his old form, and he should not be neglected in the betting.

HAPPY VALLEY H'CAP

Several Speedy Entries

IF my memory serves, I think the starting post of five furlongs is in the dip and the last event, the Happy Valley Handicap for "E" class China ponies, is over this course. We shall not be able to see the start, but a race scramble is assured because several such speedy merchants as Gallant Marshal, Heidon, Heriot, High Tower, Lucky Eleven, March Brown and Palmer in the contest. The last named owned by Miss Louis Fearon is my pick.

Rifle Shooting

VARYING WIND KEEPS SCORES LOW

GLORIOUS WEATHER prevailed at Kowloon City ranges on Wednesday when the last shoot of the year was conducted by the Hongkong Rifles Association.

A varying wind, however, kept scores low, although Lt. Le Seclleur and L/Cpl. S. G. Brightly, Engineers, just missed the century in the aperture sights class.

Handicap spoons were won by L/Cpl. Brightly, K. C. Wong, and A. L. Warburton in the aperture sights class and Cpl. R. Langford, Mid-lex, won the net spoon in the aperture sights class. Handicap spoons were secured by V. R. J. Merrett, Sgt. I. E. Gubbay and Sgt. F. S. Collins. Sgt. K. C. Wong won a possible position at 500 yards with an aperture sight.

The next shoot will take place on January 3, when Air Force will meet Engineers in the semi-final of the Jellios Shield.

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Kowloon Teams

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. to-morrow:

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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



TO FIGHT TYPHUS IN FINLAND

Roosevelt Appoints Two Experts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—President Roosevelt has ordered two United States Public Health experts to direct and aid in the fight against typhus in Finland.

He has directed Senior Surgeon H. A. Spencer who is in Paris, and Senior Surgeon Vance B. Murray, who is in Berlin to proceed to Finland and to co-operate with the American Red Cross.

Years Of Experience

Both men are experts in the preventive treatment of typhus. Dr. Spencer has had 20 years of experience both here and in Europe, while Dr. Murray has had long experience in the Philippines and Japan. He also directed the Quarantine Stations at Shanghai, Alaska and at South American ports.

DOCKERS CHEER THE URSULA

Gallant Men Given Special Leave

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Dockyard workers cheered and naval ratings lined the rails of a submarine supply ship to give a tremendous welcome to the submarine, Ursula, when she sailed into harbour after her great feat of sinking a German cruiser of the Kohn class at the mouth of the River Elbe.

After the Ursula had docked and the bearded members of her crew had posed for newsreel cameramen, the news came that all had been granted special Christmas leave in recognition of their service.

Within a few hours, all had caught trains to their homes.

We Can Even Beat The Nazis At Weather Forecasting!

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A special commentary states that the meteorological conditions at this season give Britain and France a considerable advantage over Germany.

The prevailing winds and the bulk of our weather come from the west. Information is gathered from North America, west coast of Ireland and sometimes from the Atlantic, and also from land and balloon observation in England and France, but Germany also depends on the latter areas for knowledge of her own coming weather.

The Air Ministry, therefore, on the outbreak of war, cancelled the usual forecasts and weather became a guarded secret.

5,500 TRAINS FOR TROOPS AND MUNITIONS

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A new type of rail-way wagon called "lowfit wagon" has been developed for the transport of gas cylinders for the balloon barrage.

Lorries with these cylinders are a familiar sight on Britain's roads to-day and they will now be able to run directly on to wagons, saving a great deal of loading and unloading.

It was learned to-day that 5,500 special troop and munition trains were run by the British railways during the first three months of the war.

HORE-BELISHA'S WARM PRAISE

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Following his visit to "Hore Belisha Palace," the camp in England of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha spoke warmly of the discipline and efficiency of the Canadian troops.

"When one sees these men one has no doubt about the result of the war," said the War Minister.

"I think they are quite unbeatable. I don't think any finer body of men has ever crossed the ocean."

New All-India Congress Edict

WARDHA, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Working Committee of the All-India National Congress has decided that Congress members should continue to abstain from attending the Central Legislature except so far as this is necessary to retain Party seats.

IN THE COMMONS

BRITISH SHIPS IN THE EAST

LONDON.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs made a statement in the House of Commons recently regarding the unloading of cargoes of British ships in Chinese ports.

Mr. Hannah asked the Prime Minister the present conditions in which British vessels are permitted by the Japanese to moor in and unload their cargoes at Chinese coastal ports, with particular reference to Tientsin, Tientsin, and Chefoo; and whether there has been any alleviation of the delays and hindrances of which complaint has been made?

Mr. Butler: In North China, the wharfage facilities made available to third Power shipping at Tientsin continue to be inadequate. At Chefoo pressure has been brought to bear on Chinese merchants to ship by other than British vessels, but the situation according to reliable unofficial reports is now stated to be somewhat easier. At Tientsin British shipping has been subjected to certain delays owing to examination imposed by the Japanese military authorities as part of the blockade of the concessions. In South China certain ports, such as Foochow and Wenchow have been blocked by mines laid by the Japanese, whilst at others, including Canton and Swatow, which are in Japanese occupation, temporary arrangements have been made for periodical visits by British ships.

Mr. Hannah: Is not this position rather unsatisfactory?

Mr. Butler: I think that that accurately describes it.



These are the first pictures to be taken since the beginning of the war at a Fleet Air Arm station, where men drawn from the ranks of the Navy are taught to combine the duties of signaller and gunner. A typical pupil (above) is seen adjusting his helmet before going up.

YORKSHIRE BOY'S MINE INVENTION

MINISTRY OF SUPPLY experts are reporting on a new type of aerial bomb invented by a 13-year-old Yorkshire boy.

It has already passed a preliminary inspection by the section of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research attached to the Ministry. The young inventor is John Clough, whose home is at Utley near Kettlewell. He is a pupil of Rydal Junior School, Colwyn Bay, North Wales.

HOLIDAY IDEA
"I got the idea for the bomb," he said, "during the summer holidays. Two other boys, Pask and Anderson, aged 12 and 14, helped me to get out the design. I sent it to the Ministry of Supply a fortnight ago. This is the first time I have thought about bombs. Previously I was more interested in building model railway engines."

The Bursar of Rydal School, Mr. J. A. Knowles, said "Clough is always bringing me new ideas in engines and other things. We believe he will prove to be a mechanical genius."

"FIRST-CLASS"
The plans for the bomb aroused great interest among members of the Research Department at the Ministry. One member said: "The boys have got a first-class idea. The plans were beautifully executed and the boys must have put in many hours on the work."

Armed British Liner Not A Warship
QUITO, ECUADOR.
A claim by the German Legation here that the British liner California (10,792 tons) should be treated as a warship because she carried guns, has been rejected by the Ecuador Government.

The California had put into the Ecuador port of Guayaquil.

Hog Upholds Name
COHUNA, (U.P.).—A big Yorkshire boar, shipped here from Melbourne, made a veritable pig of itself en route. It broke out of its crate, ate various shipments of vegetables that were in the same car, a crate of cheese and rooted into boxes of women's silk stockings and other garments.

NEW C. IN C. FOR NORE

ADMIRAL Sir Reginald Plunkett-Erle-Drax has relieved Admiral Sir Studholme Brownrigg as Commander-in-Chief of the Nore at Chatham, one of the most important naval commands.

Admiral Browning, who is 58, had held the appointment since January. Previously Admiral Sir E. R. G. Evans ("Evans of the Broke") was in command from 1935.

Admiral Plunkett-Erle-Drax is 50. He headed the British Military Delegation to Moscow last summer.

Only Airman Admiral

He is the only admiral who has an air pilot's licence, and his favourite proverb is said to be "Fortune loves a daring aviator."

During the last war he was one of Lord Beatty's staff, and served in the battles of Heligoland, Dogger Bank, and Jutland. From 1925 to 1930 he was Commander-in-Chief of the Plymouth Station.

Latest Graf Spee "Explanation"

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—In official Nazi circles it is now said that the scuttling of the Graf Spee was ordered so as to avoid the risk of technical secrets falling into foreign hands if she was interned.

Bet Lost; He's Thankful

WOODLAND, (U.P.).—Clyde Vickers believes he may have saved the life of his wife by betting \$72 on a horse which lost. The money was to have been sent to his wife in Chicago for her return passage aboard the streamlined City of San Francisco which was wrecked near Elko, New Mexico. Because of the losing bet, he had to

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Fruit
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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Hildegard, The Hill Billies and Others.

2.15 Close Down.
6.00 Brahms' Waltzes, Op. 39, Arranged for Piano.

6.13 Brahms—Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98. Felix Weingartner conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

6.52 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.54 Selections from "La Traviata," "Les Francs Juges," "La Gioconda," "The Pearl Fishers," "Un Ballo in Maschera."

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Jazz-Piano Recital by Hal Lorenzo.

8.20 Al Hollington at the Organ.

8.33 Dance Music.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Affairs."

9.45 "Band Wagon." With Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and Company.

10.01 Dance Music.

10.30 London Relay—"Hall Pantomime." Extracts from coming Pantomimes from all over England.

11.00 Close Down.

HONOUR FOR STALIN

Moscow, Dec. 21.
The Presidium of the Supreme Court has conferred on Stalin on the occasion of his 60th birthday the Order of Lenin, the highest award in the Soviet Union, and the title "Hero of Socialist Labour."—Reuter.

Japanese Cabinet Loses Nation's Confidence

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
The Jikyoku Doshikai, a small independent political group, including a few insurgent members of the Diet, passed a resolution demanding the resignation of the Cabinet on the grounds of its vacillating policy resulting in the loss of the nation's confidence.—United Press.

Settlement Wanted

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
Over 600 influential figures of political, diplomatic and military circles voluntarily meeting in Tokyo today adopted a resolution encouraging the Government to redouble its efforts for an effective settlement of the China Affair.

The resolution urges the Government:

To accomplish the final objective of the crusade in China in accordance with the solidly united resolution of the nation;

To suppress all movements aiming at co-operation with the Soviet Union;

To prevent stealthy activities of Communists;

To revise policies for internal reform;

To guard against excessive regards for the United States or Great Britain. Among the prominent movers of the resolution were Mr. Hachiro Arita, former Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuzaki Kozumi, leader of the Mingeito Party and former Minister of Communications, General Baron Takashi Hishikari, former Commander-in-Chief of the Kwantung Army, and General Jinzaburo Mazaki, former Inspector-General of Military Education.—Domei.

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Sandy McPherson was travelling to Glasgow, and on the way felt thirsty, so he took out a bottle and unscrewed the cap. Just as he was about to take a taste a fellow passenger in clerical garb addressed him: "Excuse me, sir, but I'm sixty-five years of age, and I have never tasted a drop of whisky."

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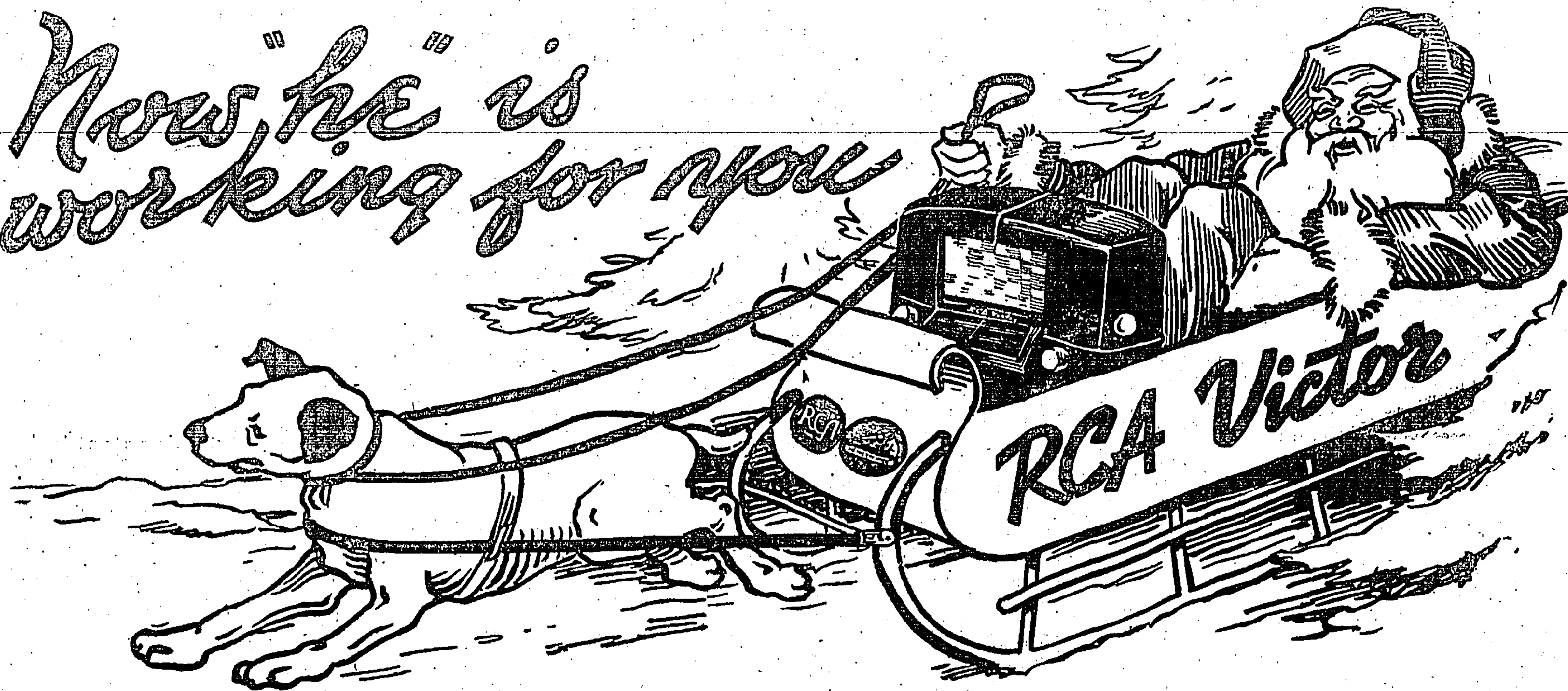
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DRAMATIC RESCUE

Swedes Saved In Ocean Gale

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The story of how co-operation between British planes and a destroyer saved six survivors of a torpedoed Swedish ship in the North Sea was told in London to-day.

An R.A.F. plane on coastal patrol sighted a small craft with six Swedes on it. It immediately signalled the news to its base and another plane was sent out to keep in contact with the raft.

The Admiralty meanwhile sent out a destroyer. Thanks to a fierce gale blowing at the time, the raft was driven far from its original position and the rescue plane had to enter out a wide search for it.

Guided by flares, the destroyer picked the men up after streaming full speed for 100 miles or so.

Vivid B.B.C. Broadcast
LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A vivid picture of the horrors of the present Nazi air campaign against defenceless fishing craft in the North Sea was given by the master of one trawler in a BBC broadcast to-day.

While homeward bound about 11 o'clock on Monday morning, he said they were attacked by a number of Nazi aeroplanes, which suddenly swooped down on them from a low altitude without any warning.

Not far off was another trawler which was also attacked. In addition to machine-gun fire, bombs were dropped, but the master of the trawler, steering a zig-zag course so effectively that 17 bombs dropped before one made a direct hit on the forecastle, killing two men outright and wounding a third.

Continued To Attack
The trawler stopped, and the master ordered out the boat, one of the crew signalling to the planes that they were abandoning the ship.

The Nazis continued to attack until they had sunk the other trawler when they made off. Although the first trawler was badly damaged, she was still afloat, and the master called volunteers to try and get the vessel back to port.

All the crew, including the wounded man, volunteered.

At this juncture a third trawler arrived, but as the master of the first trawler could see survivors from the sunken trawler in the water, he asked the third trawler to rescue them.

Two men were then arrived and took the boat into tow.

Zig-Zag Course Saved Boat
"I am convinced that the zig-zag course saved us from total destruction," he went on. "They tried to kill us. Our wireless was out of action and we had no means of calling for help. That attack lasted for half an hour."

The master of the trawler gave his talk in a calm, unexcited voice, but his voice shook with suppressed emotion as he concluded: "If that is supposed to be modern warfare, I call it ruthless cold-blooded murder!"

Another Trawler Bombed
LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A further case of German airmen attacking defenceless trawlers is related by fishermen of the trawler, Derham.

The vessel, with another trawler, Pearl, were fishing close to each other when three German bombers swooped down.

The first bombed the Derham unsuccessfully and then hit the Pearl amidships causing much damage.

As the crew were preparing to launch a small boat, the German planes turned and attacked with machine-guns killing one man who was hit by eight bullets, and injuring two others.

The bombers then made off. The Derham took aboard the survivors.

Two Neutral Ships Sunk

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Two more vessels were mined and sunk off the Dutch coast, namely the 3,605-ton Italian steamer, Corrida, bound for Antwerp, whose crew are in boats making for the Dutch coast, and the Swedish ship, Vega, 1,700 tons, whose crew have arrived at Imuiden.

Several were wounded.

Typical Of Nazis

Polish Professors Duped, Maltreated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Polish Ambassador has received resolutions from most British universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and St. Andrew's, expressing indignation at the German treatment of the professorial staff of Cracow University and sympathy with the peoples of Finland.

It is stated that Cracow University professors attended a conference to hear a German professor explain the German attitude.

A number of lorries were already waiting at the front of the University.

The whole teaching staff, including many septuagenarians, were arrested, severely man-handled and sent to a concentration camp in Germany.

Old Convict's Mistake

LONDON. When George Buckland, aged 32, a convict on licence, was charged at the East Sussex Quarter Sessions with housebreaking at Hailsham he boasted in a written statement:

"This is the third time after two years of penal servitude, but I know I can beat you all as I have not done enough to get back to penal again."

"I have you all licked. You have not got enough power, Mr. Judge, to send me back to a convict prison."

"You can only send me to a local for the limit of my licence and when I come out I will have another go."

He was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

His offence was breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony. He pleaded Not Guilty.

ONE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—One was killed and six injured in an explosion in a transformer at the works of the English Steel Corporation. Considerable damage was done to the building.

The noise was heard nearly a mile away.

Was Friend Of Mr. Gladstone

Death Of Famed Nonagenarian.

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A man who was a personal friend of Mr. Gladstone and who served in the House of Commons under twelve Premiers, has just died.

He is Lord Shuttleworth, who was born 95 years ago. As far back as 1889 he became a Liberal M.P. for the Haslingden Division and he sat in the House of Commons until 1902, representing the Clitheroe Division of Lancashire for the last 17 years.

Lost Two Sons In Last War

He was a member of the London School Board from 1899 to 1892, and in 1896 he was appointed Under-Secretary in the India Office. He was Secretary to the Admiralty from 1892 to 1895, and chairman of the Royal Commission on Canals from 1896 to 1911.

The son of the first Baronet, Lord Shuttleworth was created a Baron in 1892. He was created a Privy Counsellor in 1896 and was Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, and President of the County Territorial Association from 1902 to 1928.

Two of his sons were killed in the Great War, and the heir is his grandson, Richard Paul Kay-Shuttleworth.

Gas, Electricity Rations Lifted

LONDON, Dec. 21 (British Wireless).—It was announced to-day that the restrictions on consumers' use of coal gas and electricity have been suspended.

Since the "ration" was raised to 100 per cent. of last year's consumption, it has been found that a substantial economy is being practised by the public, and Government have decided, therefore, that in the present conditions it is not necessary for the restrictions to be retained.

Communists Held

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Forty-eight French Communists have been arrested in a Police round-up in the Paris region and handed over to the military authorities.

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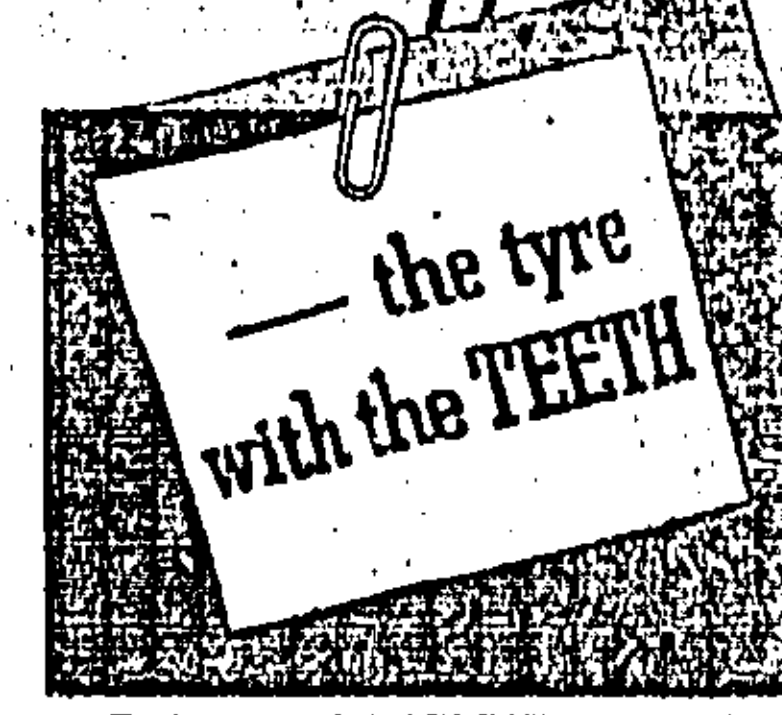
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Seismographs Record Heavy Shocks All Over World

TWO MAJOR EARTHQUAKES ROCK PACIFIC COUNTRIES

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TWO MAJOR EARTHQUAKES—THOUSANDS OF MILES APART—SHOOK THE WORLD WITHIN A FEW MINUTES OF EACH OTHER THIS MORNING.

Both shocks were felt throughout the Pacific zone, and the second, which was the most intense, was recorded in London.

The first earthquake occurred in Costa Rica, the South American republic.

A "United Press" message states that it was the most intense earthquake in sixteen years.

It rocked the entire countryside and was felt with equal severity in neighbouring countries.

The first shock occurred at 2.55 p.m. (4.55 a.m. today H.K.T.).

The populace of San Jose, the capital, were thrown into a panic, and rushed headlong from buildings throughout the city.

No reports of the extent of the damage have yet been received.

The second earthquake is believed to have occurred in the Dutch East Indies.

It was recorded all over the world.

Recorded in London

According to a "United Press" message from London, the seismograph at Selfridges recorded the first shock at 10.08 p.m. G.M.T. (6.08 a.m. H.K.T.).

The needle swung violently for over ten minutes.

Both Shanghai and Manila Observatories placed the epicentre at somewhere in the Dutch East Indies. It was recorded at Manila at 5.04 a.m. and at Shanghai at 5.00 a.m.

"United Press" message from Manila says that the last quake was apparently centred in the Celebes.

The shocks lasted for three hours. Shocks were also recorded at Jolo and Davao.

The shocks were so severe that the earthquake is probably one of the most severe experienced in the Dutch East Indies, the message adds.

Ranks With Biggest

"It was one of the world's major earthquakes," said a Royal Observatory official, in referring to the Dutch East Indies earthquake this afternoon.

The amplitude, as recorded in Hongkong, was 100 millimetres, the pen on the seismograph, which records up to 100 millimetres, left the scale.

The Observatory official stated that the epicentre of the quake was 2,930 kilometres or approximately 1,820 miles from Hongkong. It was situated in latitude 0 south, longitude 130 east. This would place the epicentre in the middle of the Banda Sea, about midway between Timor and Dutch New Guinea, or about 500 miles northwest of Port Darwin.

It is almost directly on the main Hongkong-Australia trade route. Owing to the violent disturbances from the Timor earthquake, the Hongkong Observatory was not able to record shocks from the Costa Rican quake.

Costa Quake Belt

Costa Rica and the Dutch East Indies, although thousands of miles apart, are in the same earthquake belt. It is known as the "Pacific Shore Earthquake Zone". It starts on the Pacific coast of South America, proceeds up the western coast of the United States to Alaska, crosses through the Aleutians to Japan, Formosa, the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies and then turns eastwards to New Guinea and down to New Zealand.

To Call At Hongkong

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (UP).—The American President Lines to-day stated that they have leased the bottoms only for Far Eastern runs. The United States Lines will retain operation during the coastwise circuit. Transit through the Canal Zone will be monthly instead of weekly.

The ships will call at Hongkong and Penang, in addition to the ports mentioned in the above report.

Novel Calendars

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Air-raid calendars are the latest household innovation here. New calendars for 1940 are being issued with official approval. They contain instructions on air-raid precautions.

Russians Mowed Down In Thousands

Story Of Awful Carnage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21 (UP).—"I have just returned from the North Salla battlefield after treading my way through thousands of dead, both Russians and Finns, lying in long, silent rows for several kilometres."

This is the dramatic lead in an eye-witness story, one of the first to come from the battle area, by the War Correspondent of the Stockholm "Dagens Nyheter."

The correspondent adds that it is impossible to bury the dead, whose bodies lie frozen in the snow.

Mowed Down in Thousands

"Russian cavalry and infantry have been mowed down in thousands by the terribly efficient fire of Finnish machine-guns."

"Even the Finns themselves are surprised at the mass slaughter they have inflicted."

"Near two Russian ammunition dumps which have been captured by the Finns I saw the lone corpse of a Russian soldier slumped over a sewing machine. The Russian had been mending uniforms when he was killed."

"Nearby stands an overturned truck. A Russian tank, too, lies beside it under a heap of bread which it was carrying when it was struck by a Finnish shell."

Tried To Hide in Snow

"Many Russians tried to hide themselves in the snow when they were overwhelmed by the sudden Finnish advance."

"They tried to dig in with their bare hands, but could not break the frozen surface."

"One lies where he fell, his hands bleeding and discoloured the snow, and a bullet through his head."

"From one of his pockets I took a letter which he had started to write home."

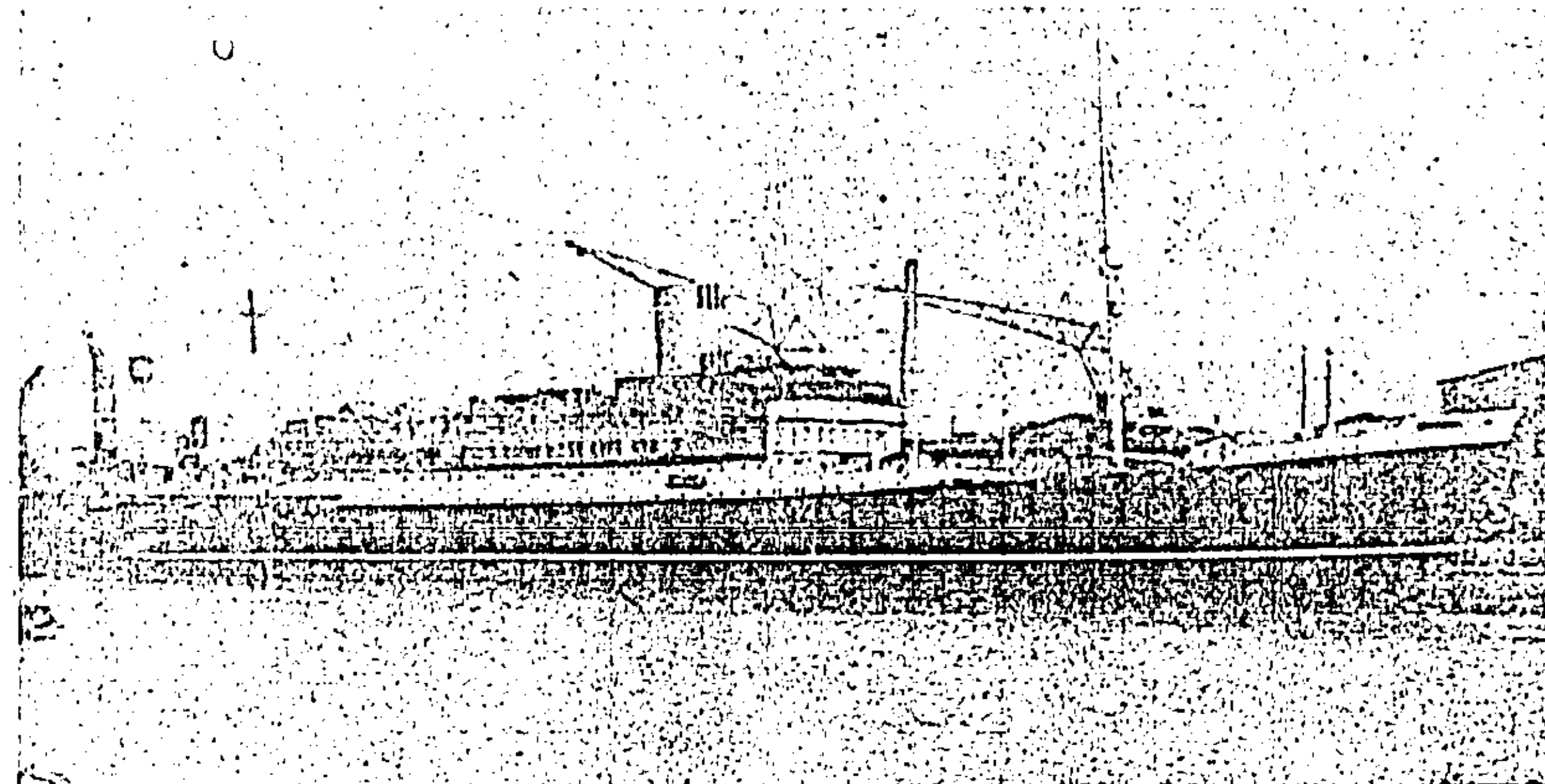
"Dear Papa—"

"His childish scrawl began: 'Dear Papa—'. The rest was blotted out by his blood."

"Among all these bodies were spread in indescribable confusion hundreds of books and pamphlets written by about Stalin, whose birthday to-day many of his soldiers will never celebrate."

"I talked to one Russian prisoner who had been captured after hiding himself in a forest for three days. He was the only survivor of a detail of twenty men. The others died of cold and hunger."

"He was exhausted and the Finnish officer who captured him spared him the necessity of holding his hands in the air."



THE N.D.L. LINER GNEISENAU.

N.D.L. Liner Gneisenau Reported Sunk By Explosion In Baltic

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, DEC. 21 (DOMEI).—RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM LATVIAN CIRCLES HERE REPORTS THAT THE 18,180-TON NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD LINER GNEISENAU, WHICH WAS ON THE FAR EASTERN RUN BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF WAR, HAS BEEN SUNK BY EXPLOSION IN THE BALTIC SEA.

British Tributes To Capt. Langsdorff

REDEEMED HIMSELF

Suicide As Protest Of Whole Nazi Navy

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The British Press to-day devoted the bulk of its comments to the suicide of Captain Langsdorff, drawing conclusions from it as to Hitler's notion of sea warfare.

The "Times" pays tribute to Capt. Langsdorff as a seaman and says that it is a tragedy that such men to-day cannot serve their country save in the livery of a master, whom in their hearts they must despise.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that Capt. Langsdorff proved that he had no doubts about his honour. He could not endure the ignominy which Hitler imposed on him and he redeemed himself.

Ruthless Terrorism

Discussing the attacks on defenceless fishing craft by Nazi planes, the paper says that this is an equal tribute to Hitler's methods.

Slaughter of this kind is not an operation of war but ruthless terrorism.

All the worst tactics of the old German Reich have been taken over by Hitler as his own concern.

The "News Chronicle" says that Langsdorff's suicide must be read not only as a protest by the Graf Spee's commander himself but from the whole German Navy against a decision which once again has brought the name of Germany into contempt before the world.

Few Lines Obituary

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—German newspapers give only a few lines to the death of Capt. Langsdorff, although two weeks ago he was being hailed as a great naval victor.

The main reference to his suicide has come not from the usual official Nazi sources but from the High Command of the German Navy.

In a statement, the High Command said that Capt. Langsdorff did not wish to survive the sinking of his ship.

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It is not known whether the cause of the explosion was internal or external.

The Gneisenau sailed from Riga with German repatriates aboard on December 2.

It is believed that the majority of the passengers have perished. They included about 100 German workers returning to the Reich for special duties.

Speedy Trip

The Gneisenau was well-known in Hongkong, where she last arrived on July 27. She made a speedy trip to Europe, arriving at Bremen before the outbreak of the war.

A sister ship, the Scharnhorst, is at present in Kobe harbour where she fled to from Manila just before the outbreak of war. The Potsdam, a third sister-ship, was en route to Hongkong from Europe when war started, and landed her passengers at a Spanish port. She is now believed to be at Trieste.

These three ships, capable of producing over 21 knots, held the Blue Riband for the Europe-Asia service via the Suez.

Of 18,180-tons each, they were ranked fourth in size in the N.D.L. Fleet. They were exceeded in size only by the 57,000-ton Bremen, the 49,000-ton Europa and the 32,600-ton Columbus. The latter was set ashore and scuttled at sea earlier this week.

The Gneisenau was launched at the Deutsche A.G. yards in Weser in 1935. She had luxurious first class accommodation for 300 passengers.

Another Ship Saved

Another report states that an incendiary bomb was discovered in the luggage of a passenger aboard another German steamer, the 11,402-ton Gera Coroba, as it was leaving a Latvian port.

A plot to blow up the ship is believed to have been frustrated by the discovery.

The Gera Coroba is not listed in Lloyd's latest list.

Columbus Officers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (UP).—Two officers of the German liner Columbus have been assigned to share Commander Dahnke's sleeping quarters to prevent, it is reported, a repetition of the Langsdorff suicide.

Meanwhile, the immigration officials' hearing is expected to require a fortnight to determine whether or not all of the survivors of the Columbus are distressed seamen and therefore entitled to 60 days' freedom, or whether some are military agents and should be interned.

NEW R.A.F. FIGHTERS

Britain's Answer To Messerschmitts

LONDON, Dec. 21 (UP).—Britain's answer to the German Messerschmitt pursuit planes—new two-seater fighters which are faster and more powerful than the Hurricanes or Spitfires—has already been tested and has entered full production.

Considering the British version of the recent large-scale air battle over the Heligoland Bight, in which it is claimed that at least fifty per cent, or at least twelve, of the super-Messerschmitts were brought down, it is believed that the new British planes will effectively outfight anything Hitler may have up his sleeve.

One of the new British fighters will be known as the Boulton-Paul.

It is an all-metal plane equipped with a multi-gun swivel turret, situated behind the pilot in the cockpit.

It has a wing span of 39½-feet and a fuselage 30 feet long. It will be powered with a single 1,000 h.p. engine.

To Push Advantage

It is believed here that Britain is prepared to push its advantage in the air, as disclosed by recent combats, to the fullest extent, and there are certain to be more frequent aerial engagements in future over the North Sea as the Royal Air Force extends the patrol system.

The Admiralty and Air Ministry are believed to have already worked out a joint plan to counter the Nazi attacks on helpless fishermen.

Air Superiority

The prospect of an extension of the North Sea patrol and the development of the newly designed planes, in addition to those ordered from the United States, have combined to substantiate the reports of Britain's determination to achieve undeniable superiority in the air within the shortest possible time.

In this connection the North Sea is regarded as the first objective.

With Britain in aerial control of this strategic region they would be

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More Room For The Washing

Hitler Extending Siegfried Line

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 22 (DOMEI).—Germany's famous West Wall—the so-called Siegfried Line—is to be extended.

Reliable information reaching London states that Hitler has ordered the construction of a further 100-miles of "impenetrable" fortifications to cover the Swiss-German frontier.

The new fortifications will extend from Basle, where the borders of France, Germany and Switzerland meet, to the Lake of Constance, on the shores of which is the famous Friedrichshafen zeppelin base.

Germany apparently fears that France and Britain may attempt to skirt the existing Siegfried Line by violating Switzerland's neutrality.

It is believed that Herr Hitler has decided to maintain the defensive throughout the war on the Western Front and will concentrate all his attentions on more positive efforts in eastern Europe and the Balkans.

Such action, in addition to bringing him into conflict with Turkey, Greece and Rumania if he attacks either, would probably jeopardise his friendship with Italy.

LATEST

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Further Late News

DECORATED BY KING

Former Hongkong Naval Officer's Bravery

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The King to-day decorated the commander and other members of the crew of the submarine Salmon, which last week carried out one of the most brilliant submarine exploits of this war and the last.

Lieut. Commander E. O. D. Dickford, the commanding officer, who was formerly attached to the China Station, serving in H.M.S. Odin, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and promoted to the rank of Commander.

It will be recalled that the Salmon first sank a U-boat and then torpedoed two German cruisers, the Leipzig and the Bluecher.

Other Decorations

In addition, His Majesty the King has awarded the D.S.O. to Lieut. Maurice Fairfax Wykeham Mordaunt, First Lieutenant and Torpedo Officer of H.M.S. Salmon; Lieut. Robin Hugh Mayllas Hancock, and Warrant Engineer Owen Felton Lancaster.

Eight members of the crew have received the D.S.M., while others have received promotions and advancements.

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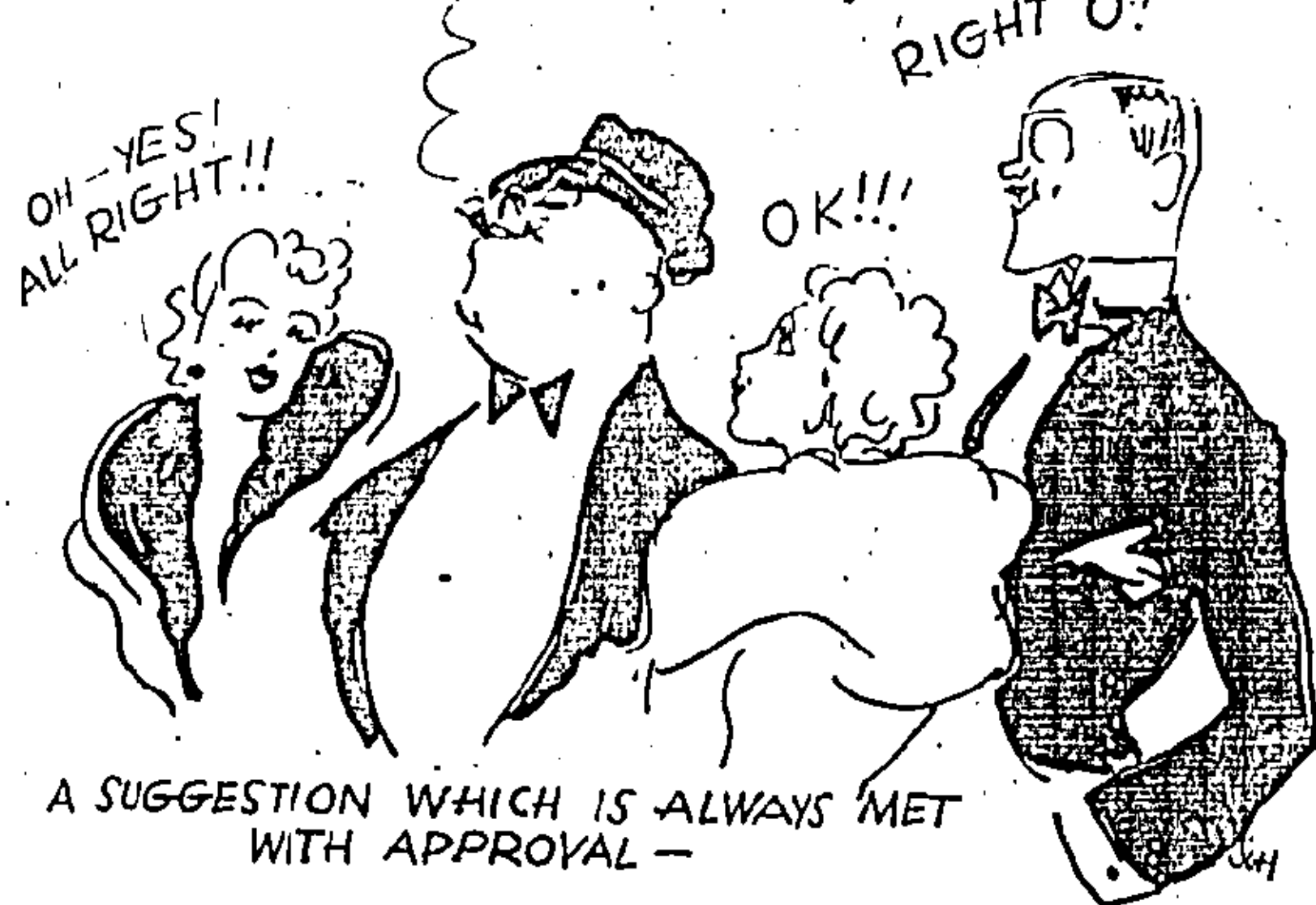
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9.24 T. C. Harrington, G. B. Riddell Carre.
9.32 R. H. Gregory, W. Hewitt.
9.40 G. R. Harrison, G. E. H. Dwyer.
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Lindbergh's Decision

Loses Interest In Aeronautics

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—The White House Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, today disclosed that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has resigned from the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, and that the President has appointed Brigadier Walter G. Kilner (Retd) to succeed him.

Mr. Early said Colonel Lindbergh had advised the Committee that he could not be expected to concentrate his attention on aeronautical matters in the future.

Ulstermen Join The Colours

LONDON, Dec. 21 (British Wire- less).—Recruiting in Northern Ireland—where the National Services Act does not apply—continues vigorously.

Besides recruits for local units, large numbers are enlisting for units in Great Britain.

Except for certain tradesmen and specialists, the new anti-aircraft regiment is up to strength. So is the Ulster anti-aircraft brigade.

While the Royal Navy and the R.A.F. are obtaining recruits, the Army appears to make by far the strongest appeal in Ulster.

We Can Even Beat The Nazis At Weather Forecasting!

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A special commentary states that the meteorological conditions at this season give Britain and France a considerable advantage over Germany.

The prevailing winds and the bulk many also depends on the latter areas of our weather come from the west, for knowledge of her own coming information is gathered from North America, west coast of Ireland and the Atlantic, and sometimes from the Atlantic, and also from land and balloon observations in England and France, but Germany is in a less favourable position.

I.R.A. AGAIN ACTIVE

Bombs In Post Offices And Mail Boxes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—I.R.A. incendiary "letter bombs" exploded at Birmingham and London post offices to-night.

Five of the bombs in the Birmingham General Post Office destroyed hundreds of Christmas letters.

Three burst at the north west London Post Office, slightly burning a sorter.

Two fires in pillar-boxes at Crewe are believed to be the work of the I.R.A.

WESTERN FRONT

NEW NAZI TACTICS

Tip-And-Run Methods Being Adopted

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—On the Western Front, the Germans have renewed their patrol activity, particularly in the Saar region.

New tactics consist of tip-and-run raids conducted by parties of from 30 to 100 men.

No attempt is made to seize new positions, but there has been some heavy fighting between French and German infantry and armoured units frequently ending in hand-to-hand duels.

Recrudescence Of Activity

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day says that there was a marked recrudescence of activity in the air over Lorraine and Alsace.

German Communiqué
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Dec. 21 (UP).—To-day's High Command communiqué says, "There was slightly more intense artillery fire on the front."

French reconnaissance planes were shot down by German pursuit planes near Tirmans shortly after they crossed the German frontier.

Typical Of Nazis

Polish Professors Duped, Maltreated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Polish Ambassador has received resolutions from most British universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and St. Andrews, expressing indignation at the German treatment of the professorial staff of Cracow University and sympathy with the peoples of Poland.

It is stated that Cracow University professors attended a conference to hear a German professor explain the German attitude.

A number of lectures were already waiting at the front of the University.

The whole teaching staff, including many septuagenarians, were arrested, severely man-handled and sent to a concentration camp in Germany.

Hongkong C. C. Cricket Eleven

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club v. The Army on Boxing Day at the Hongkong Cricket Club. Play commences at 11 a.m.

T. A. Pearce (Capt.), L. T. Ride, J. E. Richardson, A. E. Perry, D. McLellan, R. D. Gillespie, J. L. C. Pearce, T. V. N. Forrester, D. L. Bosanquet, B. C. Fay and L. D. Kilbee.

High Commissioner For S.A. Leaves

LONDON, Dec. 21 (British Wire- less).—Sir Edward Harding, the United Kingdom High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa, and High Commissioner for High Commission territories left London to-day, accompanied by Lady Harding, to take up his appointment. The Secretary for Dominion Affairs saw him off.

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E11331—Myself When Young. (Lehmann). Oscar Natzke. Bass.
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Nell Gwynne Relics For Sale

THE receipt for the garters which encircled the limbs which enchanted a King—it sounds like the House that Jack Built, but it is actually a lot in the sale Sotheby's held on December 20 of the Crofton Croker Collection of Nell Gwynne relics.

Many of the lots are pictures of the great courtesan. Several show Nell with a lamb, some with her children. There were also pictures of Nell's rivals in the affections of the King—Barbara Villiers Castlemaine, Duchess of Cleveland (spelled Cleaveland) and Louise (spelled Louise) de Querouaille, "Duchess" of Portsmouth.

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The rest of the collection consists of documents: a warrant to pay Nell one quarter's pension—£1,250—she drew £5,000 a year—signed by Clarendon; a warrant to pay £250 to her out of excise money; a receipt made out to her for a miniature of Charles II; a bill signed and receipted by her; bills for clothes, for a Sedan chair, a bed and other furniture; a receipt for £10 for painting and gilding her chariot; and, of course, the receipt for the 12s. pair of rich embroidered garters.

Tiniest Tube Exhibited

NEW YORK (U.P.)—The world's tiniest metal tube—with an outside diameter of 20/10,000 of an inch and an inside diameter of 7/10,000 of an inch—is on display at the New York World's Fair. The tube is made of pure nickel.

BEHIND THE NEWS

HITLER FINDS THAT STALIN IS WORSE THAN OLIVER TWIST!

Stalin, not content with getting his strategic positions in the Baltic, is now pressing Hitler for preferential rights of passage through the Kiel Canal to the North Sea.

Reason given is that indiscriminate sowing of Nazi mines in the Kattegat is endangering Soviet ships. Real reason—Stalin now sees his chance to take the first step in making Kiel an international waterway providing a cheap outlet for Russian Baltic trade.

This demand is one reason for the furore now going on behind closed doors in the Wilhelmstrasse. Admiral Raeder, Navy Chief, and his staff are revolting.

Ex-King Alfonso has at last made friends with General Franco and his Falange (Fascist) Government for the sake of his son Prince Juan. Franco

has accepted his recognition because internal troubles in Spain are becoming threatening.

Franco recently instructed his Ambassador in Italy to offer a "test invitation" to Alfonso to attend a celebration in Rome to Primo de Rivera, Falange Party founder. Alfonso accepted.

Afterwards he met the Spanish Embassy staff, Count Ciano, and the leaders of the Italian Fascist Party. Prince Juan was present. Franco intends to revive the Monarchy if conditions in Spain reach a state that make it necessary.

At the request of Count Czaky, Hungary's Minister in Moscow has asked for an explanation of the concentration of Russian troops on her Ruthenian frontier. The reply was that Russia intended to prevent German plans against Rumania from maturing.



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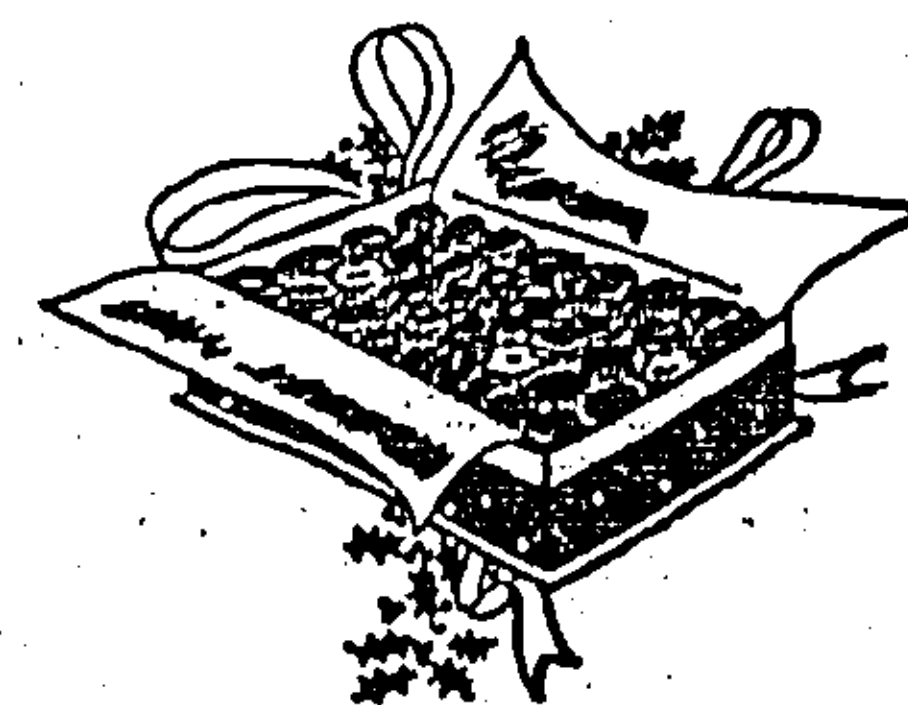
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Short Shift For Listener

Nazis Don't Like To
Have Truth Heard

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TRIEN, Germany, Dec. 21 (UP).—A special court has sentenced Theodore H. Serge, 45 years of age, to 15 months in the penitentiary. He was charged with continually listening to foreign radio stations between September 7 and November 1. The official news agency, D.N.B., commenting on 10 such convictions which have been announced thus far for listening to foreign stations, says: "The German people are in a life and death battle for their vital rights and cannot and will not tolerate even the slightest endangering of closing the ranks of the front by some stupid person."

"It is one of the strongest points in the German conduct of the war, as is also repeatedly recognised abroad, that the German people are truthfully informed about all the events in this battle with hypocritical powers."

"With the same hardness with which our soldiers conduct the battle unto annihilation against their opponents on land, sea and in the air, so, also, those elements will be ousted, who by listening to enemy radio stations have committed equivalent treason."

GAMBLERS ARE ROUNDED UP

Thirty-three people were arrested by the Police yesterday when a gambling raid was carried out on the first floor of 635 Shanghai Street. Twenty-four of them appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate, four being women.

Chan Cho, 23, admitted being the keeper of the gaming house and was fined \$75. He had previously been arrested and fined \$50 for a similar offence.

Fifteen of the gamblers pleaded guilty and were each fined \$1. Eight, including the women, denied the charge and were discharged as their pleas were accepted. Nine gamblers were absent and their bail of \$5 each were retained.

Det-Sergeant Fraser said the game of pat kau was being played. Table money picked up amounted to \$31.30. This was ordered to be given to the Poor Box.

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- (4) Public Motor Vehicle Licences.
- (5) Motor Vehicle Permits.

Before renewing, tricycles must be taken for inspection to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, or Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station, Kowloon, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon between January 2 and January 24, 1940.

T. H. KING,
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BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday and Tuesday, the 25th and 26th December, 1939. (Christmas Holidays).
Hongkong, 21st December, 1939.

Tightening The Stranglehold

Effectiveness Of Contraband Control

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).

The Ministry of Economic Warfare announces that during the last 12 weeks, 953 cargoes were wholly released by the British Contraband Control and 24 were wholly seized.

This compares with the total of 60 wholly released and 42 wholly seized in the first three weeks of the war. It is stated that the large number of cargoes wholly released—which does not include any cargoes only part of which is seized—is considered proof that Great Britain has no intention of stopping goods really destined for consumption in neutral countries and which it is not the intention to re-export to enemy territory.

A striking shrinkage in the seizure of goods destined for the enemy is also revealed. Whereas in the first three weeks of the war, between 80,000 and 90,000 tons of contraband were seized, the weekly figure has now fallen as low as under 20,000 tons.

Reluctant Neutrals
It is authoritatively contended that the decline indicates neutral reluctance on the part of neutral exporters to ship goods to Germany in the face of the efficient working control and, therefore, it is presumed that Germany's imports of contraband material is also suffering severely.

HORE-BELISHA'S WARM PRAISE

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Following his visit to "Hore-Belisha Palace," the camp in England of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha spoke warmly of the discipline and efficiency of the Canadian troops.

"When one sees these men one has no doubt about the result of the war," said the War Minister.

"I think they are quite unbeatable. I don't think any finer body of men has ever crossed the ocean."

ONE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—One was killed and six injured in an explosion in a transformer at the works of the English Steel Corporation. Considerable damage was done to the building.

The noise was heard nearly a mile away.

**Latest Graf Spee
"Explanation"**
BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—In official Nazi circles it is now said that the scuttling of the Graf Spee was ordered so as to avoid the risk of technical secrets falling into foreign hands if she was interned.

REDEEMED HIMSELF

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ship and took his decision in accordance with the traditions of the Officers' Corps, to which he had belonged for almost three decades. "The Navy understands and esteems his action," the statement concluded.

The Nazi Press also shows great reserve in reporting the scuttling of the Columbus.

British Captain At Funeral
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Among those attending the funeral of Captain Langsdorff this afternoon was Captain Pottinger, of the British steamer Achille, who was one of the Graf Spee's prisoners. The British Mission to Search sent a wreath.

It is now learned that on Tuesday, Captain Langsdorff had a long talk with his officers. Certain remarks he then made, together with the fact that he had distributed his personal effects as heaps, suggested that he had suicide in mind.

Many Argentine newspapers take the view that Capt. Langsdorff's suicide was a protest against Hitler's order to scuttle his ship while she was still capable of doing some damage.

Hilfer Criticised

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (UP).—

There are persistent but unconfirmed rumours here that Captain Langsdorff's last letter to the German Embassy strongly criticised Hitler's order to sink the Admiral Graf Spee instead of facing the enemy.

The Embassy has declined to make the contents of the letter known to the public and has denied the rumours.

Argentina has accorded the deceased Captain a hero's honours. The Argentine Navy provided a guard of honour and a battalion of marines were detailed to perform full military honours at the burial service.

The coffin was lowered covered with flowers.

Another Possibility
LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The scuttling policy is possibly also due to an expectation that Germany's methods may again bring neutrals into the war against her.

Uruguay might justifiably seize the interned merchantships to compensate for the damage done by the scuttled Graf Spee at Montevideo Harbour.

The sea-bottom, therefore, is the safest place for them.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuter).
The story of the sinking of the Columbus was given a bare six lines and Capt. Langsdorff's suicide only two short paragraphs in most of today's German papers.

The German version of the Columbus incident does not even mention that the vessel was German and gives no hint of her size.

The first casualty lists of the German victims of the Graf Spee battle are now creeping into the papers.

Full Naval Honours
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Three hundred officers and men of the Graf Spee, together with Argentine officers, were present at the burial of Captain Langsdorff with full naval honours in the local German cemetery.

Argued With Hitler
LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Before commencing suicide, Capt. Langsdorff, unhappy commander of the scuttled Graf Spee, wrapped an old German Imperial Navy flag of the Kaiser (pre-Hitler flag) round himself as a shroud, lay on the floor and shot himself, according to the Argentine newspaper, "Critica".

The body lay in state at the Naval Arsenal and was buried late yesterday.

Only Argentine Staff Officers, members of the Nazi Embassy and a few prominent German residents were permitted to view the body.

Lying on a Beautiful Wreath
Meanwhile, secrecy surrounds the exact circumstances of the captain's death. The fact that he had committed suicide was only revealed by the German Embassy some hours after it had occurred.

Langsdorff had a long argument with Hitler prior to scuttling his ship and is gaining ground. According to an Argentine naval officer, Captain Langsdorff argued strongly with Hitler and hoped to the very end that the Fuehrer would change his mind.

The captain left two letters behind. It is learned. One was to the German Embassy, which has not made the contents known to the public because the "contents are impossible to reveal to the public."

The other was handed to a member of the Graf Spee's crew to post.

London Advertiser
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 21 (UP).—The following paid advertisement appeared in yesterday's "Daily Telegraph":

"Henry Harwood wishes to express his sincere sympathy for the relatives of the officers and men who fell in the gallant action at La Platta December thirteenth."

NEW R.A.F. FIGHTERS

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In a position to protect the most important fishing fleet, constantly harassed by German mine-layers which have taken such a toll of Allied and neutral shipping and at the same time drastically reduce the danger of air raids over Britain.

Any considerable extension of the North Sea patrols to a point where it would amount to a constant policing would, in addition, have an enormously beneficial moral effect, besides being a considerable aid to the control of German exports in neutral ships, thus tightening the economic stranglehold which has been indicated as being one of Britain's most valuable weapons.

Heavy Air Raids On Helsingfors But Few Casualties

BOMBS WERE STALIN'S BIRTHDAY GIFTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, DEC. 21 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED THAT RED PLANES, IN A BRIGHT BLUE SKY, ROARED IN THREE WAVES ALONG THE SOUTH COAST, STRAFED TWO TRAINS AND BOMBED THE PRINCIPAL CITIES INCLUDING THE HELSINGFORS HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

However, Finnish Army officials reported they marked Stalin's birthday by repulsing powerful new attacks on the Karelian Isthmus and pressing their counter-offensive on the east front and regaining some lost ground in the far north.

Officially, more than 30 bombs dropped within the city limits of Helsingfors, some of which damaged an emergency Red Cross station, the Nurses' Dormitory and a hospital building containing a children's play room, an operating room and several other structures in the hospital zone, most of which had been previously evacuated.

RUSSIA'S BLUNDER

Committed To A Losing War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).

Events are proving that Russia did not intend to commit herself to a major campaign in Finland, states "Reuters" military correspondent.

The invasion was apparently conceived by the Soviet Staff as a "walk-over," but it has failed already owing to the inadequacy of initial preparations.

Many of the tanks which fell into the hands of the Finns have run completely out of fuel.

The weather has now come to the aid of the Finns and both sides find land operations in the heavy snow impossible.

Delay Will Aid Finns
The "walk-over" drive towards the Gulf of Bothnia seems likely to be held up until the snow melts in the spring.

The operation against the Mannerheim Line is likely to be spasmodic, while in the extreme north, owing to the intense cold, it is unlikely that there will be any further developments.

Delay will be in Finland's favour. Reinforcements in money and material at least will be forthcoming, and some proportion of her troops may be able to rest and re-organise.

CHINA LIGHT CHAIRMAN'S APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT

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\$60,000 from the late General Managers' Rights, as per the Accounts, be carried forward."

Other Business
The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts, which were passed unanimously by those present.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. J. P. Braga were re-elected Directors on the proposal of Mr. Lam Shu-lak, seconded by Mr. J. A. Alvares.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Lindsay and Davis were re-elected auditors at a fee of \$1,000 each per year.

Directors present at the meeting were Messrs. A. H. Compton, Sir Elly Kadoorie, J. P. Braga, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, A. Raymond, I. N. Murray (Acting Manager), and J. V. Braga (Acting Secretary).

CHRISTMAS PUDDING AS HEAVY AS THREE MEN

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Swiss Hotel Association examination and was appointed to the Grand Hotel at Assuan, Egypt. From there he returned to the Burgstock Hotel in Switzerland where he passed special examinations relating to the cold storage of foods. He first came to China in 1930 with the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels.

On one occasion Leopold was asked at the Hongkong Hotel to prepare the same menu and wines as had been set for the banquet extended to King George VI on his visit to Paris. The same table decorations, representing the Lake at Versailles, were reproduced and the scene of the dinner the famous Hall of Mirrors was also copied by placing huge mirrors about the dining room.

This dinner given by a Hongkong resident for a party of 30 cost \$3,000.

Danish Diplomatic Appointments

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the Government has deemed it opportune in the present circumstances to appoint naval attaches to the Legations in London and Berlin.

WANG NOT POPULAR

Attack By Japanese Press In Shanghai

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22 (UP).—In identical editorials to-day the Japanese controlled "Taikoku Shimbun" and "Sin Shun Pao" criticise Wang Ching-wei's insistence on complete independence.

They said that if the new "Government" neglects the fact that its growth depends on Japanese support and insists "in an egoistic way that only Chinese can manage affairs, mechanically refusing to acknowledge close relations between China and Japan, then it means the Government has destroyed Prince Kono's declaration."

"We appreciate Wang Ching-wei's efforts, but we cannot omit to mention our hesitation and suspicion that the new Government, as long as it is operating under the name of freedom and independence, cannot guarantee against a recurrence of this tragedy."

In the first admission of difficulties in negotiations with Wang Ching-wei, the Japanese controlled papers said: "Japan wants no Wang Ching-wei standing in opposition by standing in a common position."

"He had better abandon Prince Kono's principles rather than establish a nominally independent but unsound Government."

Cold Aids Finns
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Soviet planes to-day raided Helsingfors.

The cold weather is being maintained and the Finns, who are better equipped to meet it, hope that the temperature will drop even lower, especially as it is reported that most of the Soviet troops come from central and southern Russia.

54 Degrees Of Frost
In the Far North, it is not so cold as on the previous day when 54 degrees of frost was experienced.

It has stopped snowing. In this area, the Finns claim to have made a valuable bombing raid, using the seven Soviet planes whose pilots had surrendered rather than fight the Finns.

They bombed one Murmansk-Leningrad Railway, the main route of supply to the Russians on the Polar front.

Finnish Victory Verified
On the central front, where the Soviets are trying to cut through to the Gulf of Bothnia, neutral correspondents have been able to verify reports of a big Finnish victory after several days of fighting.

At one place, they saw the remains of a Russian camp which was wiped out on Tuesday night when the Finns came through the forests and down the slopes on their skis, and picked off the Soviets as they stood there.

It was so cold that none of the wounded survived. The frozen bodies of Soviet troops were too numerous to count, neutral observers report.

Hospitals Bombed
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—It is now learned that three hospitals were hit in the raid this afternoon, namely the Orthopaedic, Sisters of Mercy and the Blind School.

Thirty high-explosive bombs were dropped by 12 planes.

Two of these planes are reported to have been shot down.

There were very few casualties. Bombs were also dropped near a military hospital and a Red Cross dressing station.

South Coast Towns Raided
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Soviet warplanes raided towns all along Finland's south coast from Borgu, 30 miles east of Helsingfors, to Abo, 100 miles west of the capital, dropping about 60 bombs, 30 of which were rained on Helsingfors and its suburbs.

Returning from Helsingfors to Abo, the Russian airmen swooped down on an express train and raked it with machine-gun fire.

Two people were reported killed and two wounded.

A second train was similarly attacked but there were no casualties. Two separate raids occurred at Helsingfors and its suburbs.

The Orthopaedic Hospital was hit, an operation was in progress.

Karelian Isthmus Fighting
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states that in the Karelian Isthmus enemy attacks continued.

Russians have suffered many losses and have made no progress. Eight Soviet tanks were destroyed. The Finns bombarded Russian rear-guard detachments, inflicting heavy casualties.

On the north-east front, the Finnish advance towards Salla has continued. Enemy aircraft continued their attacks yesterday, mostly being repulsed.

The Finns brought down six planes.

GRAF SPEE WAS BLUFFED

New Revelation By Naval Authority

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Further details of how the Germans were bluffing into scuttling the Graf Spee were given by a high French naval authority.

He declared that "it was a glorious bluff which succeeded magnificently. At the time the Graf Spee sank there were only two small cruisers waiting outside."

"The Cumberland had not arrived and the British capital ships were far away."

The authoritative statement makes clear that the battleship Dunkerque also was not outside Montevideo.

but 23 civilians, including women and children, were killed.

Telephones Discontinued
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Telephone communication with Helsingfors was completely cut this afternoon.

Reds Hurdled Back In North
TROMSOE, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Red Army in the Petsamo region is retreating in disorder before a vigorous Finnish counter-attack, according to reports from the Norwegian border.

The opinion of competent military observers is that the Russians have advanced too far and too fast from the base to be able to establish adequate communications in the Arctic weather conditions.

Indications are that they have abandoned large quantities of war materials in their retreat, which has been observed from the Norwegian side of the frontier.

Stockholm Demonstration
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—A huge pro-Finnish demonstration was held in front of the Stockholm Railway Station to-day when the first batch of Swedish volunteers for Finland entered.

They were under the command of Captain Tann, who served in the Ethiopian Army as a volunteer during the Abyssinian war.

2,000 Russians Killed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21 (UP).—The "Berlingske Tidende," a prominent newspaper reports that the Finnish town was bombed during the afternoon. He reports that the bombs fell outside the town without causing any material damage.

Thirty bombs were also dropped on Komjaervi, killing two and wounding a dozen civilians.

The same correspondent reports that two thousand Russians were killed in yesterday's engagements north of Salla.

POST OFFICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Monday, the 25th December, and Tuesday, the 26th December the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:—

Monday, 25th December
General Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Kowloon Central Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Sheungwan Branch Post Office 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Tuesday, 26th December
G. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; K. P. O. 8 a.m. to Noon; Sheungwan 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 25th and at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th.

The Branch Post Office at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents for 2 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces.

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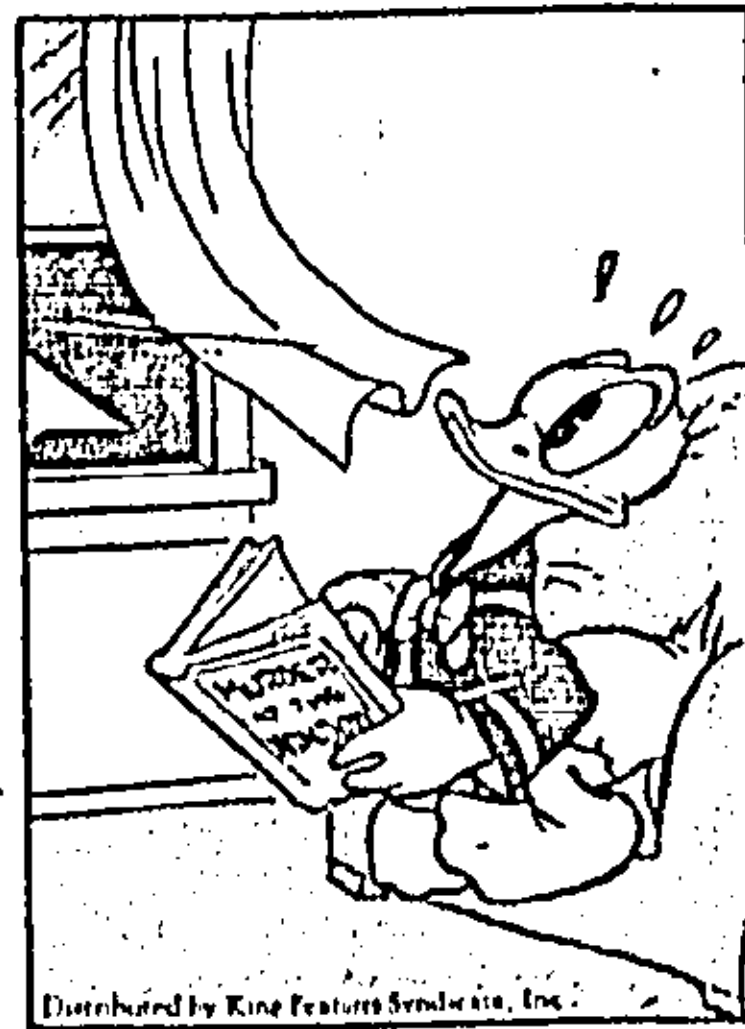
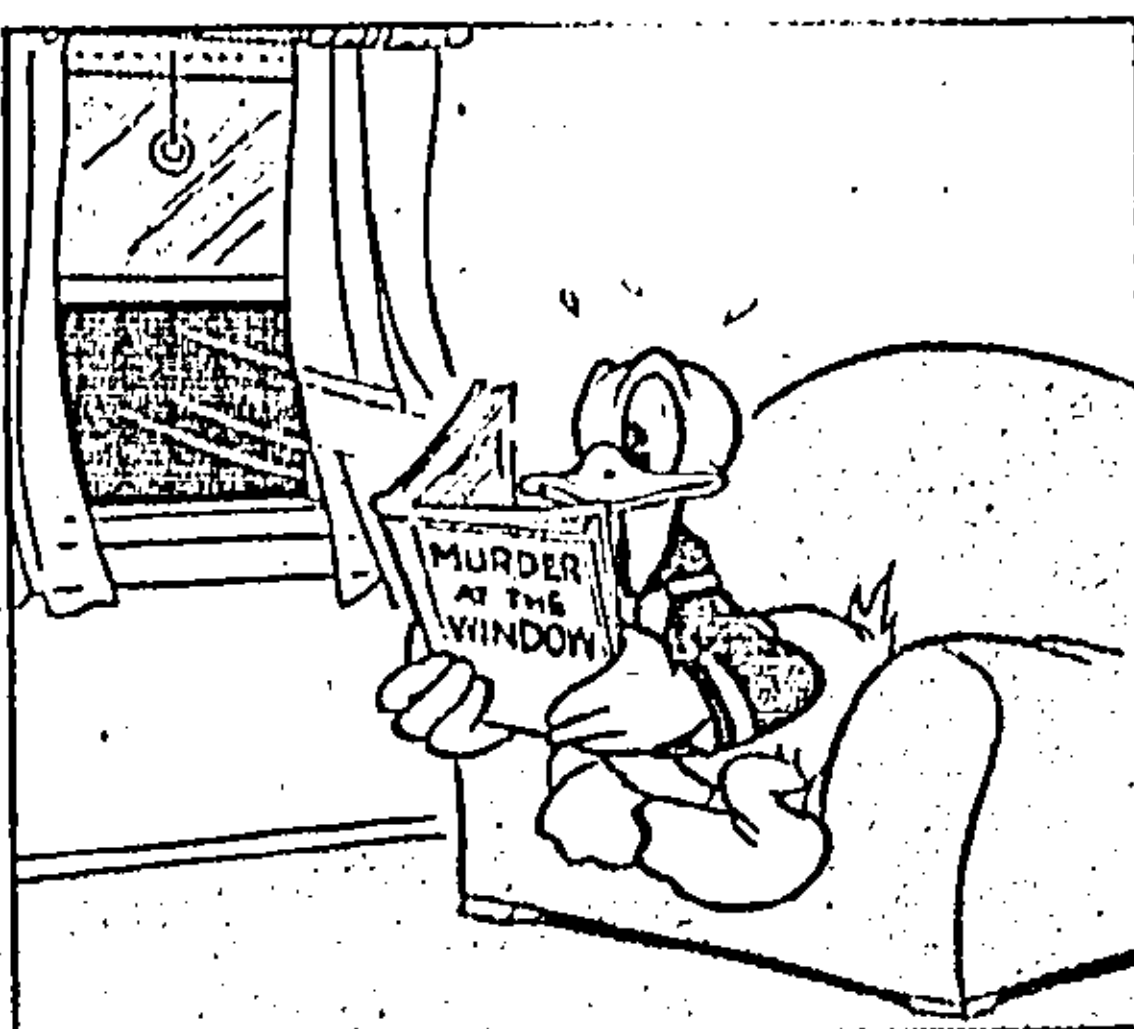
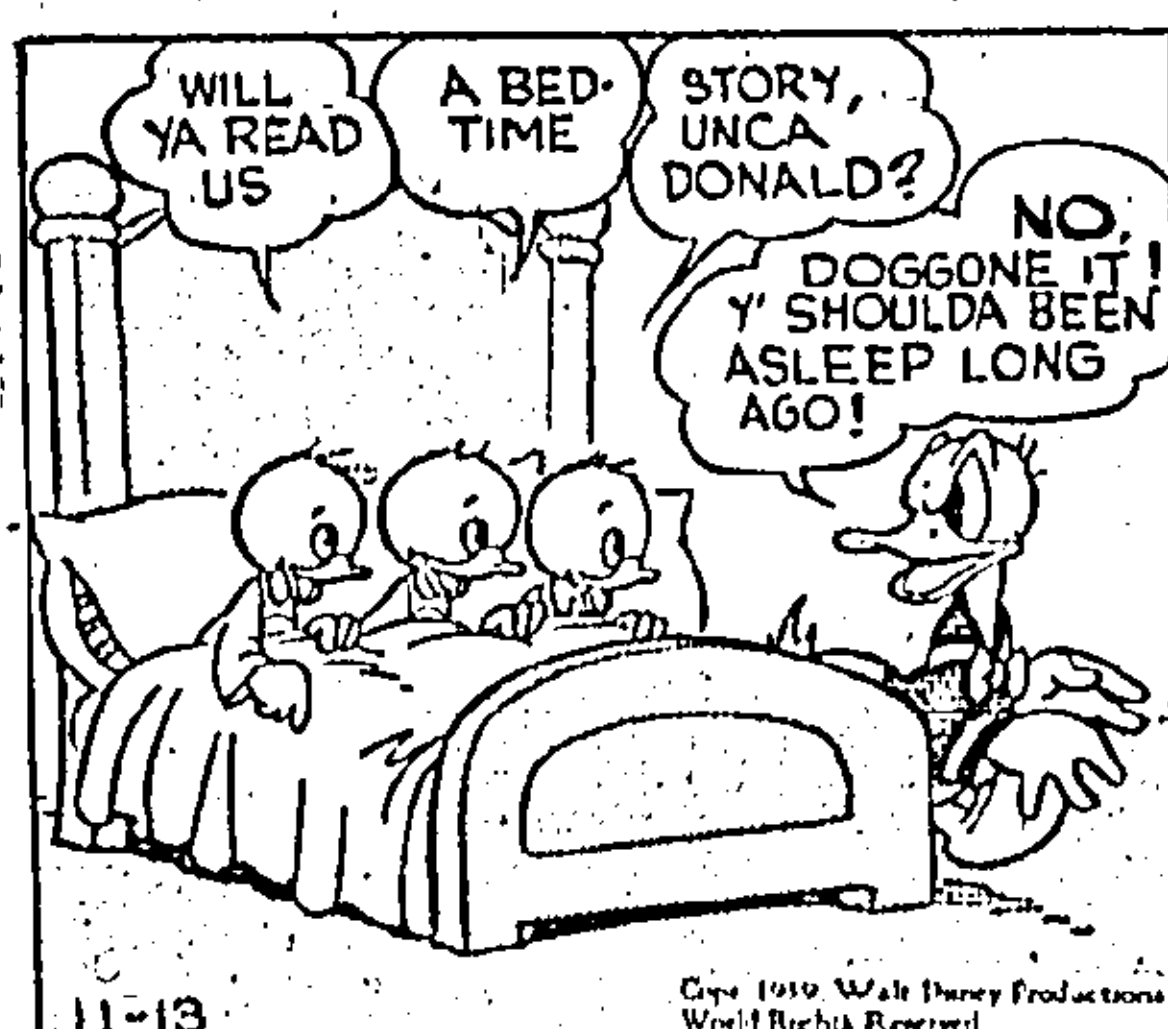
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Straits Dec. 26.
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LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A new type of railway wagon called "lowit wagon" has been developed for the transport of gas cylinders for the balloon barrage.

Lorries with these cylinders are a familiar sight on Britain's roads to-day and they will now be able to run directly on to wagons, saving a great deal of loading and unloading.

It was learned to-day that 5,500 special troop and munition trains were run by the British railways during the first three months of the war.

King At Ministry
Of Agriculture

LONDON, Dec. 21 (British Wire).—The King visited the Ministry of Agriculture to-day where, in the company of the Minister and representatives of agricultural and fishing interests, he made a tour of exhibition which, by maps, pictures, diagrams and films, showed the progress of the ploughing of grassland campaign in which his Majesty was particularly interested.

WATCH ON
FREIGHTERLittle Hope Of Nazi
Ship Escaping

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, Dec. 21 (UP).—Seven warships are at present in this neighbourhood, apparently watching the German freighter Aranca, which has been indefinitely interned at Port Everglades.

Coastal observers state that three submarines of unknown nationality are visible from the shore, apparently four miles out in the Atlantic, while two cruisers, apparently British, and two destroyers, one of which is reported to be American, are in the vicinity.

Stalin's 60th
Birthday

Press Waxes Poetical

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Soviet Press contained no news of the operations in Finland to-day but devoted large tracts of space to Stalin's 60th birthday.

They grow quite poetic about him, speaking in lyrical terms of his wisdom, ability and valour. It is interesting to note in connection with the decoration of the Order of Lenin, the highest order in Soviet Russia which has been bestowed on Stalin, that the last recipient was the Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop.

Make It A Safe
Christmas

HERE are four "Do's" and four "Don'ts" to make your Christmas safe:

DO—Hang up paper and other lanterns by wire, not string—and make sure they don't swing. Warn your family and guests if there are candles or similar surprises in Christmas pudding.

Wait until the pudding is on the table before pouring on lighted "drips".

Keep all flags, paper streamers, well clear of open lights and electric fuses.

DON'T—Make any change at all in electric wiring except under the direction of an electrician or competent person. Give highly painted toys or those with sharp edges to very young children—who may put them straight into their mouths. Use celluloid for any decorative purpose—it's highly inflammable. Leave paper streamers hanging or lying about after the party is over.

Roosevelt Losing
Trusty Servant

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—It has been authoritatively stated that Under Secretary of the United States Treasury, Mr. John W. Hanes, is planning to resign early in 1940.

Mr. Hanes is desirous of returning to private business, but he will not return to Wall Street where he was a broker when President Roosevelt summoned him to office in December 1937.

Nephews' Teasers
Will Be Worse
This Christmas

By GUY RAMSEY

THE spate of Christmas games is upon us. You know the kind of thing: "What was the maiden name of Mrs. David Copperfield?"—one given at the Liberal Party ball—or, "What murderer called his victim an egg?" which was set to the pupils of King William's College, Isle of Man, in their annual General Knowledge test.

Hitherto I have been able (more or less) to hold my own when my young nephew Roderick has returned to the bosom of his family for Christmas with a store of such teasers, specifically designed "to make Uncle Guy look an awful juggins."

For General Knowledge tests (which ought really to be called Special Knowledge tests) are really tests of other people's intelligence. When Roderick, helping himself to his fourth mince-pie, to the peril of his waistcoat buttons, splutters:

"Uncle, how long is the Equator?" or, worse, "Who said, 'My kingdom for a horse?' I find my cigarette case empty (I always keep my cigarette case empty when Roderick is at home) and on pretext of filling it, go to my library and look up 'Equator' in the encyclopaedia or 'Kingdom' in an anthology of quotations, and return ostentatiously puffing and come out pat with the answer.

Paying Methods

Chagrin (and, of course, mince-pie) reduce Roderick nearly to bursting point. For (with the aid of my library) I am a bit of a whale at using other people's intelligence.

But this term, Roderick's school has at last awakened (after 350 years of existence) to the theory that it might be a good thing to find out not how much its pupils know, but how intelligent they are. To this end they have evolved a system of intelligence tests.

These have filled me with dread. No book of reference can help me now.

Young Roderick will mumble with his mouth full: "Brothers and sisters have I none, but that man's father is my father's son, Uncle. Who is it, Uncle?"

—Of Course!

Or he will ask me to complete the next two of a series of figures that run: 1, 3, 7, 13, 21.

He will ask me what is the opposite of "Not in," and crow disgustingly when I say testily: "Out," of course.

I thought to be prepared for Roderick's home-coming, I went along to the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

I planned at the paper for 10-year-olds—and scored a superb 47 per cent.

I inquired of the Vocational Guidance section what that indicated; they said that if I were 10 they would advise me to go in for a manual job. I tried the paper for eight-year-olds. This was one question:—

If the letters in the word NON are in the same order as they are in the alphabet, write the number which is less than 5 by the number of letters in the word AND. If not, write the number 1—unless it is a Wednesday, in which case write 172.

So This Is Fair

I smoked three cigarettes. My tie was crooked, my hair (such as it is) was wild. I had my paper checked. I had scored 95 per cent.—having taken 23 minutes for a ten-minute paper.

Outraged, I telephoned to the Board of Education, asking if they encouraged this monstrous system for the discrimination of uncles.

"Most decidedly," they said. "Intelligence tests provide a new instrument to measure a child's potentialities. It has, of course, its limitations. (Psychologists co-ordinate the tests with a case history and a personal interview.) It takes no account of temperament or character.

"Its great advantage is that it does not put the wind up children, as do ordinary examinations. They treat it as a game."

A Game For Whom?

A game, forsooth! If I play it with Roderick, I fear I shall lose.

I knew it! Roderick has just emerged from his crib with a dirty face and a dirty neck.

He asked me: "If a man bought a 24d. thing and gave a 6d.; and if he got two coins in change; and if

one coin wasn't a 3d. bit, how did it happen?"

"I found my cigarette-case empty I went to the library. I used up five sheets of a bridge pad, working it out. I returned, smoking and smiling. 'You can't catch me,' I smirked. 'I know the answer: The customer was done.'"

"Wrong again, Uncle Guy! One coin wasn't a 3d. bit—but the other coin was! Hal ha!"

An American doctor says the intelligence declines after the age of 15. He is quite right! I shall spend this Christmas at my club playing contract. It's easier.

Was Friend
Of Mr.
GladstoneDeath Of Famed
Nonagenarian

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A man who was a personal friend of Mr. Gladstone and who served in the House of Commons under twelve Premiers, has just died.

He is Lord Shuttleworth, who was born 95 years ago.

As far back as 1869 he became a Liberal M.P. for the Hastings Division, and he sat in the House of Commons until 1902, representing the Clitheroe Division of Lancashire for the last 17 years.

Lost Two Sons In Last War

He was a member of the London School Board from 1880 to 1892, and in 1886 he was appointed Under-Secretary in the India Office. He was Secretary to the Admiralty from 1892 to 1895, and chairman of the Royal Commission on Canals from 1896 to 1911.

The son of the first Baronet, Lord Shuttleworth was created a Baron in 1902. He was created a Privy Counsellor in 1880 and was Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, and President of the County Territorial Association from 1902 to 1928.

Two of his sons were killed in the Great War, and the heir is his grandson, Richard Paul Kay-Shuttleworth.

Nazis Over
BelgiumGovernment Lodge
A Protest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BRUSSELS, Dec. 21 (Reuter). The Government has protested to Germany against the flights of German planes over Belgium.

It is officially stated that Belgian fighters and A.A. batteries drove off foreign planes which flew over various parts of the country to-day. The encounters occurred in the provinces of Luxembourg and Liege, while at Bruges a German plane, which was engaged by a Belgian patrol, opened fire without effect.

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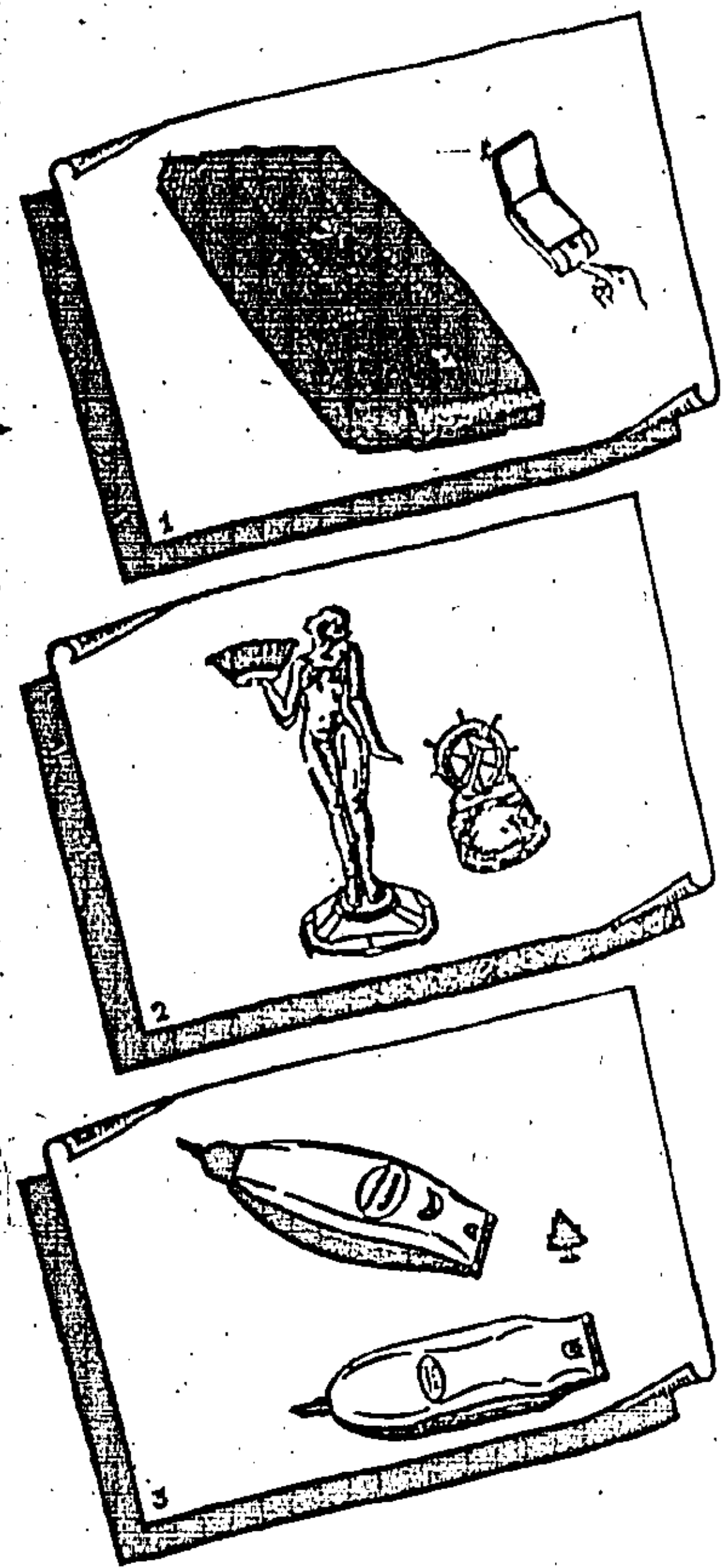
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STEAMER LAUNCHED AT KOWLOON DOCKS

The Karuah, a 1,200-ton steel single-crow steamer being built for the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company Ltd., Australia, was launched at the dockyard of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company Ltd. yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, wife of the Chairman of Directors of the Dock Company, and a bottle of Australian champagne was appropriately used in the christening.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell opened his toast to the Karuah with an expression of profound admiration for the grand way in which Australia has rallied to the side of the Old Country in the present struggle.

"The Karuah," he continued, "is the eighth ship we have built for Australian owners and is rather unusual in that she is constructed almost entirely of Australian steel. With her launching we have safely transferred from land to water 10,000 tons of deadweight during this year. We have the facilities, both as to labour and plant, to build 25,000 tons of deadweight in a year, and I am very hopeful that it will not be long before our services are availed of and the Colony given the opportunity to play a useful part in the replacement of the warship in shipping caused by the war."

Chance for Reciprocity

According to reports, he added, Australia was making strenuous efforts to stimulate her own ship-building trade. This was a praiseworthy effort, but he wished to point out to Australia, in the most friendly spirit, that the balance of trade between her and the Colony was largely in Australia's favour, and that orders for ships, which could be built of Australian steel, provided a suitable contribution for restoring the trade balance and made for reciprocity and goodwill.

"We are very grateful to the Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company for entrusting us with the building of the Karuah," he declared. "We realise that the Australian coasting trade, like our own, calls for exceptionally seaworthy vessels, and we have every confidence that the Karuah will meet all requirements in this respect."

Mr. C. W. J. Barker, the owners' representative in Hongkong and supervisor of the Karuah's construction, responded to the toast. After thanking Mrs. Dodwell for performing the christening, he explained that the name Karuah was that of a town and river in New South Wales and also belonged to a ship formerly owned by the company.

"Though my company is small compared with some companies," he continued, "it has had a long and useful career. The first steamer to ply between Sydney and Newcastle was the Sophia Jane, in 1831. The daily service was started in 1839, and though there has been competition from railway, road, and aeroplane, the service is still in demand and the answer to that demand is the ship that has just been launched."

He said that he had every confidence in the worthiness of the ship's construction, which embodied certain special features for which she would probably be noted.

Australia's New Policy

"The prospects of renewed orders from Australia for vessels of small tonnage have undergone a complete change since this ship was commenced," he added. "It is felt that the time is ripe to encourage the building of such vessels in Australia and the policy of the Government is directed to this end. Encouragement is practised in that for a period of three years a bonus will be granted on tonnage, and all British equipment will be admitted free of duty. Whereas formerly duty was levied on ships under 500 tons, this no longer applies, so that a certain amount of competition from overseas will prevent an undue rise in price."

With a reminder of the national importance of the work of the dockyard "in time of peace and its greatly enhanced value in the present time of stress," he proposed a toast to the welfare of the Dockyard Company and all associated with it.

Mr. Cock then presented Mrs. Dodwell with a memento of the occasion in the form of a pair of diamond and platinum ear-rings.

Details of The Karuah

The Karuah is of the shelter deck type with an overall length of 242 ft., a moulded breadth of 30 ft., and a depth to the shelter deck of 24 ft. She is built to Lloyd's highest class and has been specially strengthened in excess of their requirements for the particular trade in which she will be used and to conform to the latest requirements of the Board of Trade and Australian Navigation Act.

Cargo is handled through two large hatches by eight steel tubular derricks for lifts of three and five tons. She also has a heavy derrick suitable for 15-ton lifts. All the derricks are worked by steam winches supplied by Clarke Chapman and Carron & Co. An electric elevator capable of handling 250 lb. packages is fitted for the rapid handling of small packages to or from No. 2 hold or the tween deck to the upper deck.

Fewer Try To Be Lawyers

THE TRAINING TAKES FIVE YEARS

THERE were only 28 candidates at the Law Society's preliminary examination in London last month. Normally there are from 75 to 100. The war has caused the reduction.

Parents whose sons may become liable to military service are dubious about paying the £80 duty for a stamp to article them to solicitors.

Mr. T. G. Lund, secretary of the Law Society, said that, as well as the stamp duty, there is the premium which varies from £150 to £300. "Then articles last five years. Parents cannot look ahead to five broken years for their sons. They will not risk it with a war on."

"In bad times the entry to the profession in the past has always increased. When times are good we get fewer articles because there are more openings in commerce. It is true that in the past the profession has been overcrowded. But that is true of every profession."

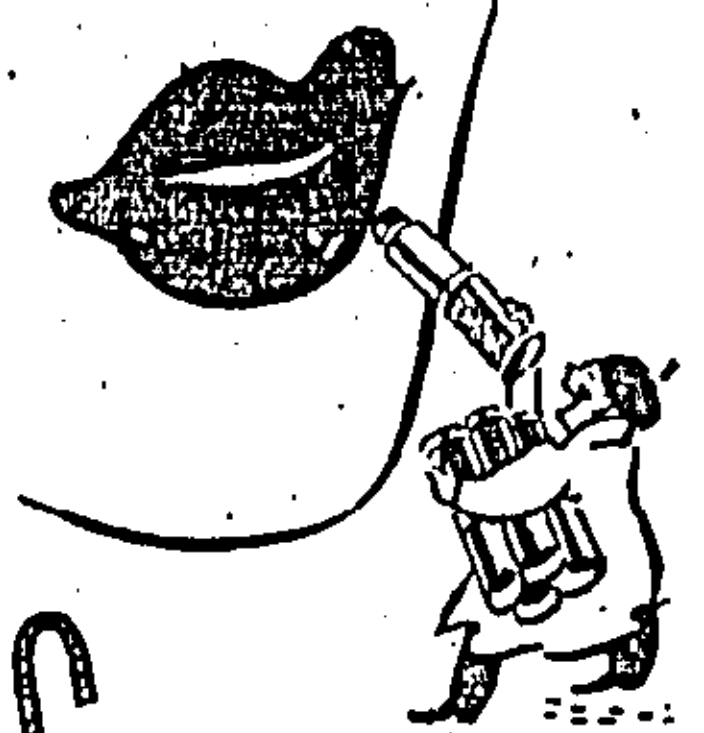
At the after end there is accommodation for 12 passengers in two berth staterooms. The officers, engineers, and crew are all accommodated in the 'tween deck and steel houses aft. Thermotank ventilation is fitted to this accommodation. A large dining saloon and smoke room are provided. Electric lighting is fitted throughout the vessel.

The propelling machinery, built by the North Eastern Marine Engineering Co. Ltd., Wallsend, consists of a set of triple-expansion reciprocating engines of modern design, taking superheated steam from two Babcock and Wilcox marine water tube boilers.

The boilers are arranged for burning coal, which is fed to the furnaces by Babcock-Erith-Roe three-retort near ashing-type stockers. Forced and induced draughts to boilers are provided by Howden's fans.

All auxiliaries are independent of the main engine. For the supply of electric current two electric generating sets are provided, one driven by a steam engine, and the other by a Diesel engine. Advantage is taken of the superheated steam for driving all engine room auxiliaries and deck machinery.

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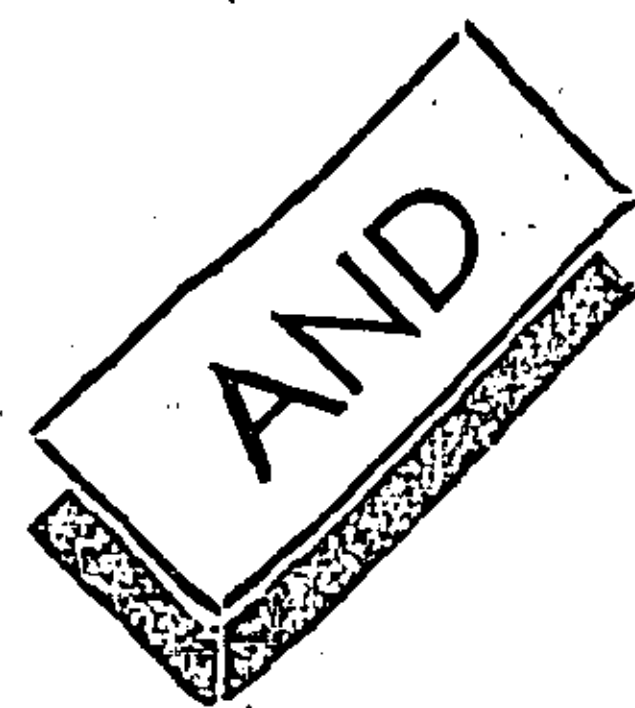
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Three Men Of 'Reckless Resolve'

THREE Merchant Service captains who outwitted U-boats on the high seas, an able seaman, and an obscure Indian mahout—elephant driver—in a Bengal jungle have been linked as heroes in the pages of the London Gazette.

The three captains each received the Order of the British Empire—the first awards made to the Merchant Service in this war. They are:—

Captain Thomas H. Farrar, of the Baharistan (5,470 tons), owned by the Strick Line, London.

Commander Edward T. Grayston, D.S.C., R.N.R. (retired), of the 8,457-ton Karaman (Shaw Savill and Albion Co., Ltd., London).

Captain Albert A. White, of the 4,803-ton Stonepool (Sir Roper and Co., West Hartlepool).

The able seaman is Frederick George Hayter, gunlayer of the Stonepool. He received the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for a five-hour fight with a U-boat.

That is the award, too, which Ahman Sing Dhanwar, somewhere in Jalapahar, Bengal, will receive for his jungle exploit.

Here are the heroes' stories, as told by the London Gazette:—

His ship was not armed. She was suddenly attacked at dead of night by an enemy submarine at very short range, not far off shore near Land's End.

The U-boat fired from ahead of her, on her seaward bow, so that to escape she had to turn towards the land.

The master could not have been blamed for heaving to and abandoning ship. But he determined at great risk to defy the enemy, and at once brought the gun flash astern.

The submarine brought her searchlight to bear, extinguished it, and continued firing. All shots fell very close, but by the bold decision and ready skill of her master, Baharistan made good her escape.

His ship was not armed. She was chased for four hours by the U-boat which sank the Bretagne (a 10,000-ton French ship). The U-boat fired on her lifeboats, killing seven people.

The enemy fired at least thirty shells, many of which fell within a few feet of the Karaman's hull.

The master felt he could expect no quarter. He therefore made up his mind to defy the enemy and attempt escape.

He was supported by the whole crew in this courageous and reckless resolve.

His net of faith was justified in the event, and saved his ship.

[At his home at East Farleigh, near Barming, Kent, Commander Grayston said: "Destroyers appeared after four hours and the submarine died. I can't say if they sank it. We weren't hit in the chase—we only got a splinter."]

On sighting a U-boat, the Stonepool manned her gun in about two minutes, and exchanged shot for shot with the enemy.

The shooting was good, and the fifteenth shot may well have hit or damaged the U-boat, whose thirteenth or fourteenth shot holed the Stonepool two feet above the waterline.

By resolute and skilful action the master saved his ship. The discipline was excellent, and the gunlayer and gun's crew did very well.

Last of all, the story of:—

Ahman Sing

Manager of a Bengal tea estate, went hunting with Ahman Sing for a tigress that had mauled a coolie.

The tigress ambushed the hunters. Their elephants bolted in panic, and Mr. Pullan and his mahout were thrown to the ground.

Ahman Sing rallied his elephant, charged back and rescued his two companions. Mr. Pullan was severely injured.

These stories of heroism from two sides of the Empire, the sea and the jungle, are linked in the London Gazette by the words: "The KING has been graciously pleased . . ."

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I'M HAPPY
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Christmas In Hospital

By I. T.

I'm spending my first Christmas in hospital. A memorable experience, and a surprisingly happy one.

There was little enough of the Christmas spirit about me when the ambulance whined at the door. I avoided my mother's eyes and remembered that thousands of people have operations and don't die, and thousands of people spend Christmas in hospital every year and manage to enjoy it.

But it was a bad moment pinned helpless in blankets and carried on a stretcher in the quiet, dark road.

Well, here I am, weak as a kitten, minus an appendix and looking forward to my Christmas dinner. The nurses are having a great fun transforming the men's ward, which is near my room.

They are pinning "oak paneling" on the walls with drawing pins.

Two small boys, Peter and Stewart, keep up a non-stop conversation on how to sidetrack Father Christmas into the hospital when he finds they are not at home.

Everybody is looking forward to seeing their faces when Doctor Santa Claus turns up.

My sister bought a clockwork Donald Duck for me from a pavement toy vendor.

Nobody from the main road onwards has been able to resist it.

There's another of seventy and another of seventy-five.

Imagine having operations at that age, all you healthy folk—and be thankful for your own sound bodies.

German People Want Peace

Remark By Nazi U-Boat Officer

"The German people do not want war. I don't want it myself. I am only carrying out my duty."

This statement was made by a German submarine officer after his ship had sunk the British steamer Blairlogie.

Ronald Farrell (19), a university student, who was working on the steamer as a cabin boy during his vacation and who has now arrived at his home at Hamilton from New York, where survivors of Blairlogie were taken by the liner American Shipper, said that after the ship was sunk the submarine circled round two ship's boats.

"An officer who looked like a chief mate asked us if we had any wounded or sick on board our boat and if we had food. He inquired from our captain, Mr. D. McAlpine, whether everything was all right and stood by until a boat was put into ship-shape as it had shipped some water. He gave us two stone bottles of gin and a large carton of cigarettes. I have half a packet of those cigarettes still, and I'm keeping them as a souvenir.

I noticed that the submarine crew seemed to be about thirty years of age or less."

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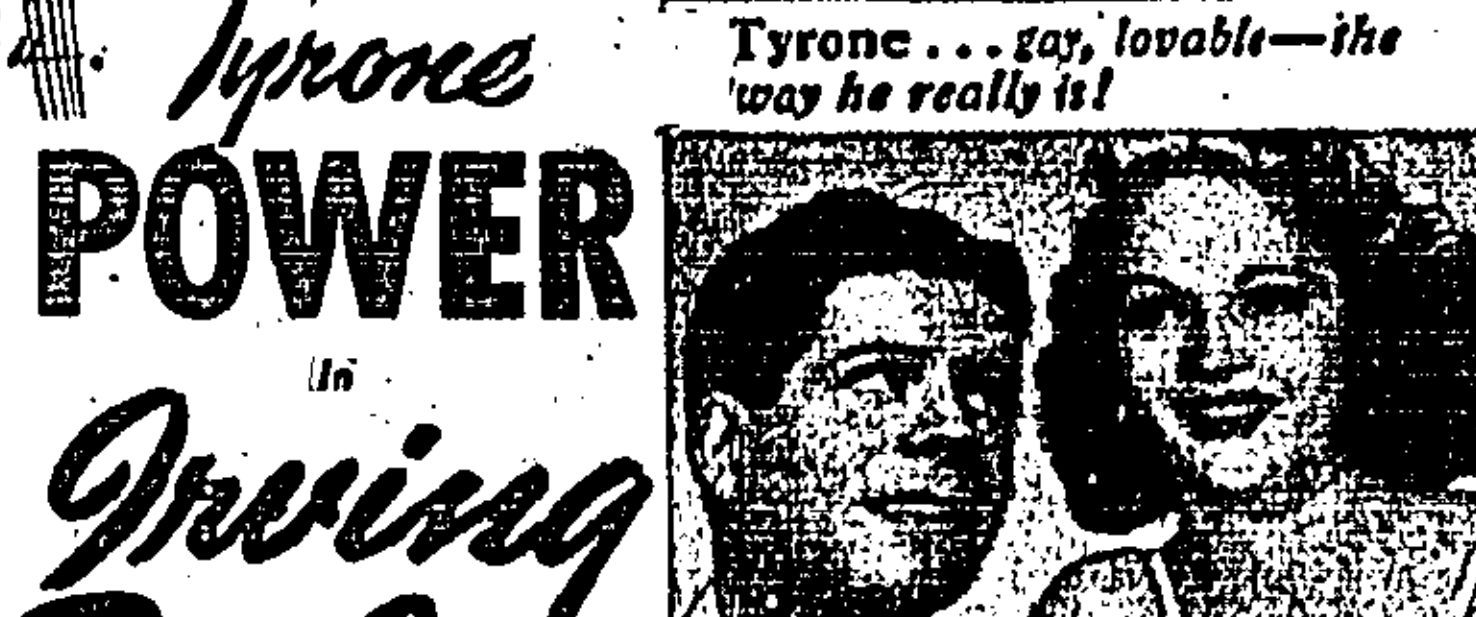
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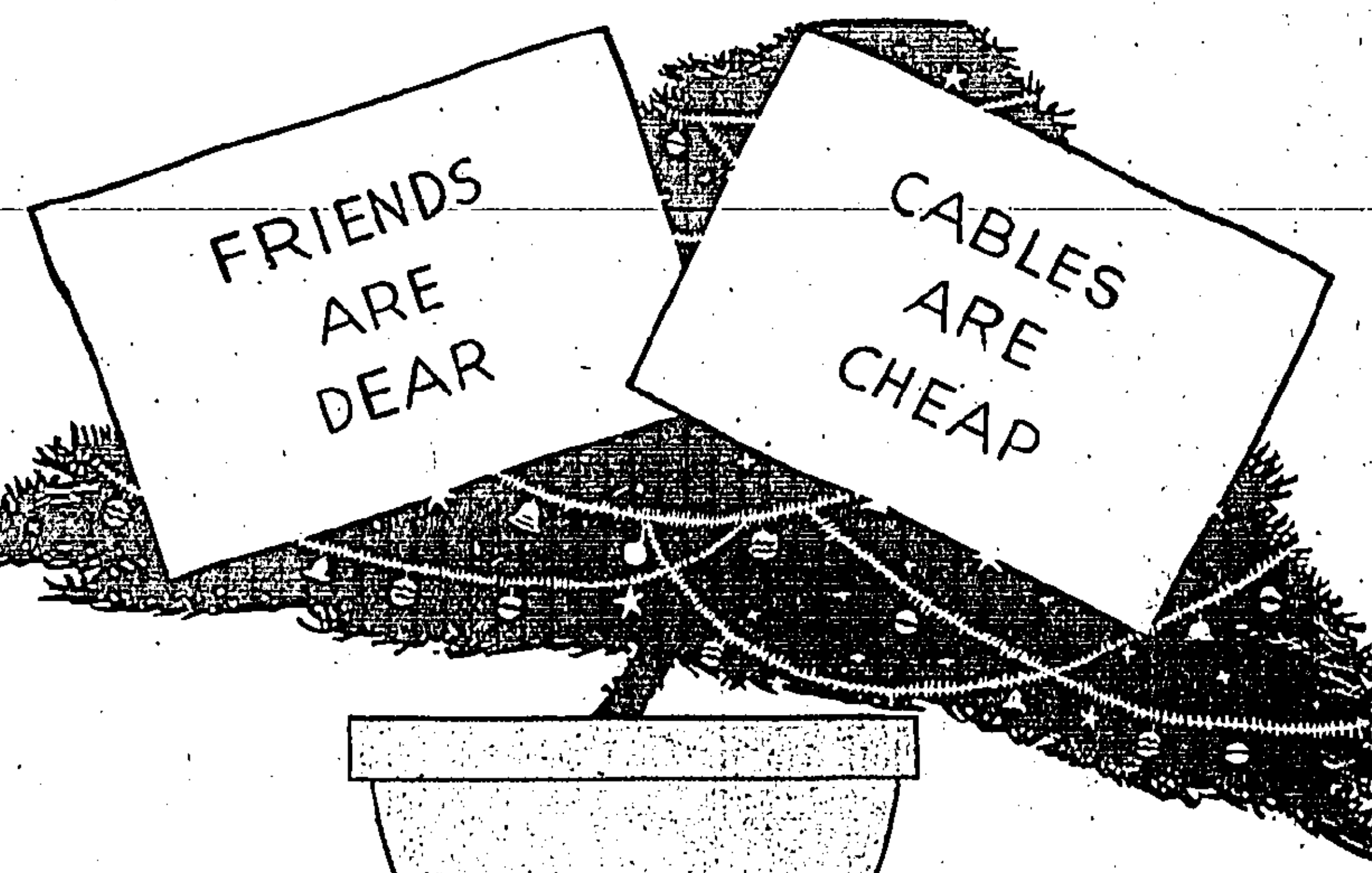


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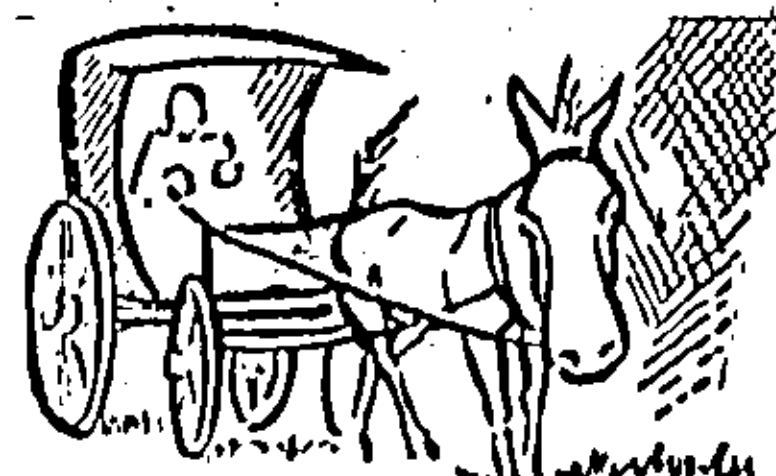
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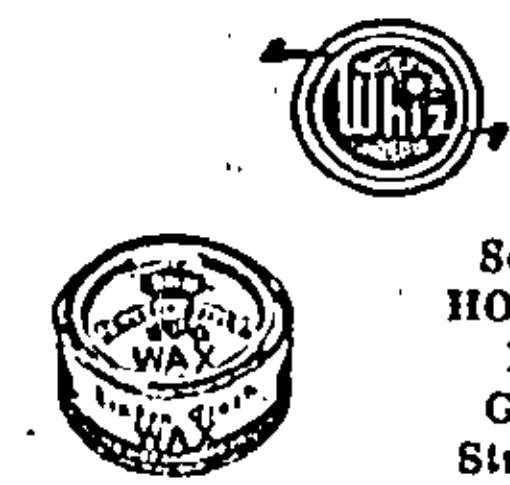
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Eviction Laws

Mr. Justice Fraser's carefully weighed comments in his judgment concerning an eviction claim, the text of which appeared in our columns yesterday, illuminatingly reveal the peculiar premises upon which the Hongkong Eviction Ordinance is based. Complaint is not directed against the learned judge's decision; if anything, one can sympathise with him, for he was at times clearly torn between the necessity of strictly applying the law and the inhuman implications which thereby became apparent.

It probably comes as a shock to many to know that under the Hongkong law, "hardship" for a tenant does not mean being asked to pay rent which is beyond his purse. Anybody in such an unfortunate position, says the law, must clear out and get into cheaper accommodation, even though that may involve living in a house which is vulnerable to fire dangers, has no flush system and boasts only wooden staircases. Such dwelling houses are for the poor. If you want anything better, you must be able to afford it.

This sounds harsh, and practice proves it, even though the law deny it. The Eviction Ordinance may well be criticised on this ground, and justifiable demands made for a revision of fundamental philosophy upon which it is based. But the simpler method, and one which would provide less headaches and heartaches for litigants in eviction cases, would be the introduction of a separate Government measure prohibiting dwelling houses which are invitations to a Guy Fawkes bonfire, which have no flush systems, and which, generally speaking, require a stretch of the imagination to be described as habitable.

Mr. Justice Fraser called these conditions "amenities which are

MANY COOKS MAKE A CHRISTMAS PUDDING

WE celebrate Christmas in 1939 on the 1603rd anniversary of the day that Julius, Bishop of Rome, first fixed for Christians to commemorate their Saviour's birth.

But 200 years before Bishop Julius the scattered congregations of the early Church had been honouring Christ's birthday then.

And for many centuries before and after these celebrations have been added to out of the mythology, the folk-lore and the history of all the nations.

The Christmas that we know in England has borrowed its trappings from many sources over many centuries—from the Druids who first hung the mistletoe bough to Albert Prince Consort who introduced the first Christmas tree.

THE last days of December were a festival long before Christ was born in Bethlehem. They are the turn of the year.

The daylight, shortest on December 21, has begun to lengthen out again; the sun, as the simple peoples that once adored it saw, gives promise of a glorious return and the wheel—the Yul is the Gothic word for it—has come full circle.

Before Caesar landed in Kent the Druids went forth when the days began to lengthen to cut the mistletoe from the oak, a tree held holy to the sun god.

They distributed a sprig to every home, where it was hung over the doorway to invite the god's protection; marriages sealed by a kiss under the mistletoe were held lucky. That was 2,000 years ago; but we still kiss under the mistletoe bough when Christmas comes.

THE Romans, every schoolboy is taught, brought British roads, laws and buildings. They also brought Christmas decorations, paper caps and Christmas presents. December 25 was at the season of their feast of Saturn, who, they said, had been King of the Gods in the vanished golden age.

On the feast of Saturn, the houses were decked with bays and holly, friends gave each other presents and for ten days the social ties were broken and Jack was as good as his master. Rich men waited on their slaves and parents on their children and men made merry with masks and coloured caps and paper noses.

The Romans departed from Britain—leaving their Saturnalia behind them; the Pagan Norsemen came in.

They came with a new Christmas rite—the Yule log. It was their custom at the close of every year to light a huge log which was supposed to burn away all the hatreds and worries of the past 12 months and enable men to make another start.

After the Yuletide log was replaced by a giant candle—and the little candles on our Christmas trees to-day are the last relic of it.

ALONG with the Yule log the Norsemen brought their "trial by ordeal." An accused man had to carry a hot iron bar a certain distance. If his scar healed within a certain time he was pronounced innocent. A milder form of the ordeal, a kind

not necessities." It hardly seems possible, in these days of vaunted progress, that the law should demand such a statement. It is high time the authorities turned these so-called amenities into necessities. Until they do, Hongkong's laws are likely to carry a stigma of far greater meaning than Mr. Bumble's cynical quip.

of travesty of it, became popular at the Christmas festival when so much else was travestied. This was the Snapdragon—a dish of lighted fruits which the guests had to pick out of the flames with their fingers.

In the West Country a jug of cider in which a lighted candle has been fixed is drunk at Christmas. It is called a flag dragon.

With the Mediaeval Church came the carols, the earliest go back to King Henry III's day, and the stockings and Santa Claus.

He is St. Nicholas, the patron saint of Bari, who gave all his patrimony away in gifts to poor girls so that they might be furnished with a marriage portion. St. Nicholas' Day is December 6.

Before the Reformation little girls used to hang up their stockings overnight in the belief that before morning came St. Nicholas would visit them and fill it with his gifts. But after the Reformation abolished St. Nicholas' feast the custom was transferred to Christmas day.

But it was not until Elizabeth had been on the throne for 30 years that Englishmen began to bake their pies in pastry shaped to recall the manger where the infant Jesus lay.

These were the first mince-

pies and their contents were precisely the same as the ones we eat in 1939. Turkeys and plum puddings were not known as Christmas dishes then—the traditional fare was the boar's head, decked with rosemary and served with plenty of mustard.

BUT when Cromwell abolished Christmas under the Commonwealth, disliking the Pagan origin or some of its ceremonies, he abolished the boar's head along with it and that dish was never restored.

Charles II. brought Christmas back to England, though he never could persuade the Scots to restore the old feast when they restored the old monarchy.

And in good King Charles' golden days we find the first turkeys and the first plum puddings.

The turkey does not come from Turkey. It was called a turkey derisively by the Greeks because of the bird's pompous strut and the scarlet "fez" on its head. Its home was in New England and when the Pilgrim Fathers celebrated their first harvest after landing in the new world in 1621 they naturally feasted on the fowl that was most plentiful locally. From a thanksgiving dish in new Eng-

land the Turkey became a Christmas dish in old England in about 1660.

It was known here before that. Sailors from the New World returned with game specimens as far back as 1640, when Archbishop Cranmer forbade his clergy to have more than one turkeycock served up at a single meal.

THE original plum pudding was served with the first course as a special Christmas bread.

Currants, spices and raisins were mixed with the dough and the whole compound came in a special dish called a plum porridge. In the course of the eighteenth century all the elements of a Christmas celebration settled down into their present place.

So did the ingredients in the plum pudding, which was well established in its modern form by 1708, when the poet, Coleridge described in his letters home how impressed he had become with the Christmas tree in Germany. He died 10 years too soon to see it introduced into England in the eighteenth century when, after Queen Victoria's marriage, it first set the seal on every Merry Christmas.

George Edinger.

Packing The Christmas Dinners Presents In The Past

HALF the joy of receiving presents is the exciting job of unwrapping them. Remember this when you start to tie up your gifts, and spend a few pence on attractive packing material.

Fancy boxes, seasonably designed wrapping paper and tape, coloured string, Christmas seals and labels, can be bought cheaply.

With these additions you may dress up your gifts in their "party frocks," and in so doing give double pleasure to the recipients.

But don't forget the commonsense part of the packing as well. Make sure that your presents will travel safely, and not give your friends the wrong kind of surprise by sending gifts which arrive in "pieces." Parcels are bound to get a lot of knocking about at this time of year if you send them by post or rail, so they must be well protected.

Corrugated cardboard is an excellent shock absorber, and so is crumpled newspaper. Tissue paper can be used, too, and has the advantage of making any present look more valuable.

TURKEY and Christmas pudding! The traditional British Christmas dinner. So, at least, it is popularly supposed. Yet actually the Christmas dinners of our forefathers were very different from ours.

What, then, did they eat at Christmas time? Earliest predecessor of the turkey was undoubtedly the boar's head which, decorated with bay and rosemary, was brought to the table with great ceremony amid a flourish of trumpets.

The important thing is to see that the present is not loose in the parcel, but packed around tightly so that it cannot move. A plain brown paper wrapping may be used to cover the more attractive one inside. Tie this round firmly with strong string and stick on a gummed label.

Here are a few hints which, if followed, should ensure your gifts reaching their destinations in good condition and at the right moment.

Address all labels very plainly—block letters are best.

Put an addressed label inside the parcel as well as out, in case the wrapper gets torn.

Enclose sender's name and address—in case of non-delivery.

G. O. J.

Strange Flavours

Though much of the food was the same as we eat nowadays, it must have tasted very different. Strange ideas of cookery prevailed in centuries past. Instead of separating flavours the aim apparently was to mingle as many incongruous ones as possible.

Sweet ingredients were freely mixed with salt ones, and real savoury dishes were rare. The compounds were generally smothered in spices or condiments, often including sugar, or, as that was then a costly commodity, the native substitute, honey.

Confectionery of a sort existed. The mediaeval table was plentifully strewn with sugar comfits, nougat, and quaint sugar shapes known as "subtleties," and sundry other tiffins. Colouring tinctures were extensively used, particularly saffron. Cinnamon was employed from the earliest times.

Wines And Wassail

Foreign wines, heavily spiced, were imported to augment the native drinks, elder, ale, and mead. Also, there was the time-honoured wassail bowl, filled with hot spiced ale, in which roasted apples floated.

A Christmas dish of widespread consumption, though a much modified one, of a mediaeval delicacy. Originally it was called "mutton pie." A fourteenth-century recipe for a Christmas, or mince pie includes pheasant, hare, capon, partridge, pigeon, eggs, pickled mushroom, salt, pepper, spice, and vinegar. In directing the meat to be chopped up, the recipe naively advises that as many bones be taken out as possible.

Our own idea of Christmas plenty is positively abominable judged by the standards of other ages. One's appetite is surfeited even by reading the list of edibles offered to guests.

For a Christmas dinner in the reign of Charles II there were provided two courses, with twenty-one dishes in each. Sixteen of beef in one dish, so is roast lamb, and swan pie yet another. Towards the end comes a dish of larks, peacocks, and baked geese.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"It's a bargain when you stop to figure how wages and materials have gone up since the war!"

HUNGRY, SO HE STOLE BREAD

"I was very hungry and that was why I stole the bread," said Cheng Chung, 18, unemployed, to Mr. Houston at Central Magistrate's Court this morning when charged with the theft of two loaves of bread from the Hongkong Bakery, Connaught Road Central. He was remanded for 24 hours. Sgt. Cullinan said that Cheng was arrested by a district watchman.

VIOLENT INDIAN

Creates Hulabaloo At Police Station

The violent and abusive behaviour of an Indian at the Kowloon City Police Station yesterday was related at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court when Channan Singh was charged before Mr. E. Hinesworth with disorderly conduct by creating a disturbance in Southwell Road. He was also charged with assaulting Constable T. Kim-hung, and with damaging Government property in the cell of the Police Station.

At the end of the case, Inspector Rogers said defendant was dismissed from the Police force about two years ago for a serious offence.

Sergeant Porritt said he was on duty in the Charge Room of the Station when an Indian and a woman reported to him the loss of some blankets. Later they left, and subsequently the Indian returned again. He was accompanied by his house in Southwell Road by a detective.

Defendant Violent

Finally, the detective asked for assistance and Sgt. Rothwell was sent and he eventually brought in defendant. Defendant behaved in a very violent manner. When searched, three small bottles of Government opium were found. Defendant was violent all the time, and when in the dock he took off one of his shoes and threw it at the Chinese constable who was struck on the left shoulder. Defendant refused to make any statement when charged and used abusive language against the Police. He was then taken to the cells, where he seized the bed cover and smashed that up. He tore the blankets and kicked the dustbin about. At 2 a.m. he was still creating a noise. A special guard had to be placed in charge of him.

Sergeant Rothwell said that when defendant had seen the detective in the Street he became very aggressive. At the Station the defendant used bad language. Defendant had tried to climb out of the dock and throw a shoe at the constable. Defendant had also made as if to strike the Sergeant on Duty (Sergeant Porritt).

Defendant's Statement

Following Constable T. Kim-hung's evidence, defendant said: "I only admit that I threw a shoe at the constable. I never swore at anybody in the Station or anywhere else. No one hit me at the Station. They simply looked me up."

After defendant had been convicted of the charges, Inspector Rogers said the man had been dismissed from the Police Force. Defendant had a nuisance, and all the Police Stations in Kowloon have had trouble with him.

"I think he must be a little mad. He is an opium addict at the same time," concluded Inspector Rogers.

Mr. Hinesworth remarked that defendant had no legal conviction against him.

"Not Going To Pay Fines"

On the disorderly conduct charge defendant was fined \$10 or two weeks' imprisonment, and a similar sentence on the assault charge. On the damage to Government property count he was ordered to pay \$10 compensation or serve another two weeks' hard labour.

Defendant: I am the owner of two shops and I am not going to pay these fines. Who is going to look after my shops?

Mr. Hinesworth: I am not interested in how many shops you have or who is going to look after them. You are either going to pay \$30 or go to prison for six weeks.

Defendant was described as an eye doctor.

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HONGKONG IS ALL SET FOR CHRISTMAS REVELRY

Special "Telegraph" Tour Of The Yuletide "Front"

HONGKONG residents will celebrate Christmas in an atmosphere of optimism for the future. There will be revelry this week-end in clubs, hotels and cabarets where parties of people will celebrate Christmas Eve with joyfulness and gaiety.

At present, shoppers are besieging the stores to buy last-minute Christmas presents and housewives are busily ordering sumptuous feasts for home parties.

Gala dinners and dances will be held this week-end at the Hongkong, Repulse Bay, Peninsula, and Gloucester Hotels and special cabaret items have been arranged.

This evening, the St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs are holding a Christmas party at St. Andrew's Hall and later to-night, a Christmas dinner and party will be held at the Cheero Club.

To-morrow night, the Central British School are holding a Students' Dance at St. Andrew's Hall, a special dinner being held at the "Grippe" and a carnival dance at the Gloucester.

On Christmas Eve, the Club de Reccolo are holding one of their popular dances whilst the Gloucester, "Griggs" and Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels are having special gala dances.

The Craigengower Club will have a tea dance on Boxing Day and the Civil Service will hold their annual children's sports.

There are two important sports fixtures for the festive season. On Christmas Day, the International Charity Cup football match, China v. Portugal will be played at Soekun-poo. On Tuesday, commencing at 3.30 p.m., the International Charity Cup football match, England v. Scotland will be played.

NO FREE BEER FOR TROOPS

For the first time in 25 years, ample supplies of free beer will not be available for the troops stationed in Hongkong this Christmas because of the War.

However, each regimental unit will have special Christmas "tiffins" at the various barracks and many Christmas parties are being held for the children.

Tons of Christmas puddings, cakes and mince pies have been ordered for these special parties.

The first garrison children's party was held last Wednesday when the families of the Durham Light Infantry were entertained at Nanjing Barracks.

The Middlesex Regiment will hold a special Christmas children's party to-morrow afternoon at Nanjing Barracks. There will be tea and games and at the conclusion Father Christmas will arrive to distribute presents to the children. A cinema film will also be shown.

The troops of the Durham Light Infantry will be entertained to a special Christmas "tiffin" on Monday at Nanjing Barracks.

This afternoon, the 5th A.A. Regiment are holding a Christmas party for all military families stationed at Lyceum. About 30 grown-ups and 60 children are expected to join in the fun and gaiety. There will be a sumptuous tea, a cinema show, presentation of gifts, games and dancing.

The troops stationed at Lyceum will have a Christmas tiffin on Monday. A full Church parade will take place on Sunday at St. Alban's Church, Lyceum and later in the day, the Commanding Officer will visit the military families there.

The Seaforth's Regiment are holding a children's Christmas party this afternoon at Shamshui-poo when, after the usual tea and games, a special concert will be given. Father Christ-

CHINESE BEGIN TO CELEBRATE

Christmas has already begun for tens of thousands of Hongkong Chinese. The Churches have been holding concerts and children's parties since December 20 and these will continue until Christmas Day. When they will all hold special services in the morning and evening. All over the Colony Chinese Christians will combine to make the coming season one of the most memorable. They will especially give thanks for the successes against foreign aggression in China and the fact that the country has been able to successfully maintain resistance to the enemy.

Nor will the plight of the thousands of homeless refugees be forgotten. Special arrangements are being made to focus the interest of the congregations on these unfortunate folk during the general festivities.

In addition to the Churches, the Chinese Y.M.C.A., which counts several hundreds of members in Hongkong as well as Kowloon, has drawn up an attractive programme.

To-night the "Y" Day School will hold a concert. At the same time to-morrow there will be a general concert for members and their friends and on Christmas Eve there will be a special Christmas worship for members and friends at which Dr. Y. C. Chin of the Ling Nam University will be the speaker.

St. Mary's Church and St. Paul's Church will have special concerts to-morrow night and Sunday school concerts on Christmas Day. Similar functions are being held by the Hop Yee Chai, the Mei Shing, All Saints, Holy Trinity and other Churches.

Christmas Treat For Refugees

The Government, too, have not forgotten these who are under their care. The Medical Department will provide a special Christmas dinner for inmates of all Government refugee and internment camps. The several hundred interned Chinese soldiers will be included in the treat.

The Prison Department, however, will not observe the day. Christmas day will pass for the convicts just like any other day. This has always been the custom and there will be no departure from it. Unofficially, however, European and other foreign prisoners will be given a special treat by the European prison staffs from funds raised by general subscription.

Christmas falling on Monday, Chinese prisoners doing hard labour will thus get the following diet: Breakfast 10 oz. red rice, half oz. chutney, quarter oz. tea, 2 oz. salt fish in addition to a small supply of oil and salt. Supper: 10 oz. red rice, 8 oz. fresh vegetables, half oz. chutney, two and half oz. fresh fish and quarter oz. tea.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING AS HEAVY AS THREE MEN

The Christmas pudding made at the Hongkong Hotel weighs 424 lbs., or as much as three average men!

Its recipe is as follows: 250 eggs, 45 lbs. of raisins, 26 lbs. of currants, 21 lbs. of lemon skin, 30 lbs. of white bread crumbs, 10 lbs. of flour, six bottles of spice, six bottles of brandy, four bottles of rum and 30 lbs. of suet.

For the special dinner on Sunday night 600 Palestine grape-fruits will be served, 45 gallons of turtle soup, 710 lbs. of sole, 230 lbs. of Argentine fillet beef, 320 lbs. of Australian turkey, 445 lbs. of New Zealand lamb, 400 chicken squab, and for the sweets 14 bottles of cherry brandy will be used.

The scullery staff and washing machines will work overtime as 940

pieces of silver plate, 9,000 pieces of cutlery and 7,000 plates will be used. At the three special dinners on Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve it is expected 2,000 diners will be served.

Supervising these vast quantities of food is the tall Swiss chef, Leopold Gaddi, who has personally attended to the epicurean wants of such celebrities as the Duke of Windsor, Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks and a host of others.

Leopold served his apprenticeship at the famous Grand Hotel, Gland, in Bernese Oberland, the fashionable winter and summer resort. After 34 years he passed his Diploma of

PLEASE Turn To Page 4.



Swiss Chef Leopold Gaddi of the Hongkong Hotel gives a page boy a taste of the huge 424 lbs. Christmas pudding he made in the kitchen. The huge pudding weighs as much as three men.

MUST NOT FRIGHTEN CHINESE CAPITAL AWAY

China Light Chairman's Appeal To The Government

The hope that Government measures for raising revenue would not be of such a radical nature as to discourage further new industries from settling in the Colony was voiced by Mr. L. Kadoorie, Chairman, at the twenty-first yearly meeting of the China Light and Power Company, held at St. George's Building, at noon, to-day.

Mr. Kadoorie revealed that the increase in the net profit by \$73,595.63 was to a great extent due to the large number of factories which had come into being, with machinery which had previously operated in other parts of China.

"The fact must not be lost sight of that the great attraction of Hongkong and the Mainland for the establishment of factories has been freedom from vexatious imposts and inquisitorial searchings recently resented by Chinese capital," said Mr. Kadoorie.

The Chairman said: The report and statement of accounts for the financial year ended September 30, 1939, have been in your hands for some time, and I will therefore take them as read.

The Gross Profit for the year amounted to \$2,045,551.64 as against \$1,663,109.86 for the previous financial year.

After charging Profit and Loss Account with Directors' Rights and fees, interest, depreciation, etc., the Net Profit stands at \$1,136,610.13. The provision for depreciation amounts to \$373,265.66 as compared with \$545,875.31 for the preceding year.

After allocating \$60,000.00 to Reserve General Managers' Rights and \$25,000.00 to a special Contingency Reserve, we have a sum (\$1,051,345.23) brought forward from last year of \$1,150,394.30 available for distribution. Your Directors recommend the declaration of a dividend at the rate of 50 cents per share on the "Old" shares and proportionate amounts on the "New" shares amounting to \$1,063,485.30 and that the balance of about \$92,610.08 be carried forward.

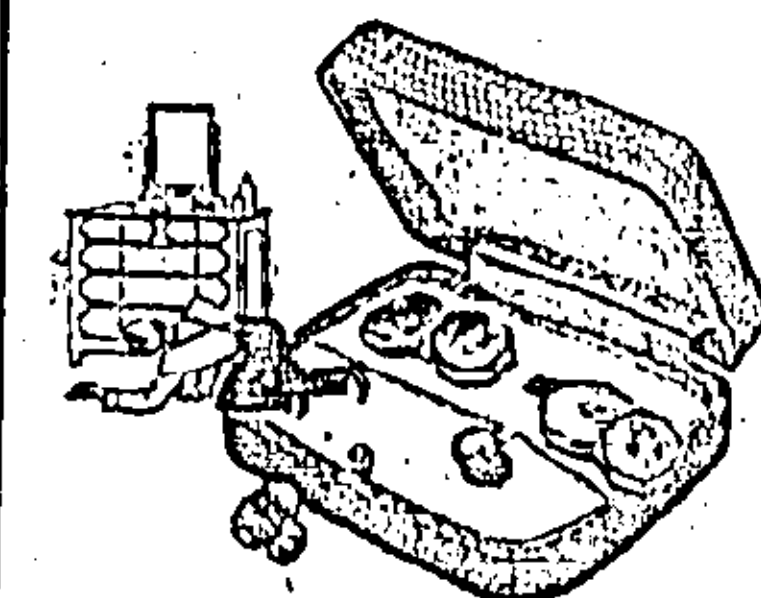
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Plan the seating for tea as carefully as you would for a grown-up party. They cannot enjoy the meal unless they are comfortable, and it matters a lot who is sitting next to whom.

Plan the games beforehand; children, when they're invited to a party, expect a party—not a rowdy gathering they could have practically any day.

Think of more games than are likely to be needed, so that if one begins to go a little flat you can start a new one before any one gets bored.

Try to keep the children as much to the same age as possible. Up to seven or eight years they like a mixed party, from eight to fourteen a gathering of their own sex, and from fourteen onwards a mixed one again.

All children are liable to get over-excited at a party and you can't really blame them if they get boisterous after an exciting game. It is a good idea to follow a noisy game by a quiet one; this gives the grown-ups a chance to explain what the next game is to be and how it is played.

If there are younger children at the party you must find some games that both they and the older children can enjoy. Games where music stops are good, as quite young children can understand what they have to do; but don't have too many games where the children fall out, as the babies won't understand why they can't go on playing.

And in games of skill, balloon-



catching and so on, the younger children will spoil the game for the older ones by their lack of skill.

Musical Chairs, Musical Flop and Musical Mat are games every one knows and likes. Musical Flop is best for the small children; all they have to do is to sit on the floor when the music stops. The last one down is "out." In Musical Mat the children skip round the room and when the

music stops the one standing on a mat is counted out.

RATS, Rabbits and Rice is a noisy game, but a good one if you have plenty of room. The children stand in two rows facing one another, a few paces apart. One row are rabbits and the other rats. A grown-up stands between the rows.



If the leader says "rats," the rats turn and run to the wall behind them. The "rabbits" chase them and try to catch them. Any "rats" caught before they reach their wall join the "rabbits." If the leader says "rabbits," the "rats" do the chasing, but if she says "rice" neither line must move. Anybody who does must join the other line. The game goes on until all the players are on one side.

For quiet games the old guessing and hiding games are best. If you can spare any old curtains and clothes for dressing-up, charades are grand for the older children.

The younger ones can play Clobber, Clobber, Mend My Shoe, Poor Pussy and the Parson's Cat. Every one knows the first two; the last is played by the children taking it in turns to describe the cat with a different adjective beginning with the same letter. For instance, "The parson's cat is an attractive cat." "The parson's cat is a feline cat." "The parson's cat is a feline cat." And then for every one, there's always Postman's Knock.

NURSING LECTURES

Lectures and demonstrations will be given to members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service in the New Year on the following days:

January 4, 5.30 p.m., "First Aid" by Surgeon Captain Hobbs, Royal Naval Hospital;

January 5, 5.30 p.m., "Home Nursing" by Dr. Rosenbloom, Kowloon Hospital (Outpatients);

January 8, "Home Nursing" by Dr. Mary Gordon King, Queen Mary Hospital, 5.30 p.m.

The number of candidates attending these classes will be limited to 40. Further lectures will follow.

POWER GENERATION Sakahlén Coal Mining Co. To be Inaugurated

Tokyo, Dec. 21. Designed to secure self-sufficiency in the supply of coal for power generation in Japan, the Sakahlén Coal Mining Co. will be inaugurated in February, with a capital of Yen 10,000,000, half paid up.

The whole stock of the new company will be held by the Japan Electric Power Supply Company, semi-official power industry control company, and the company will develop the mines at Chinnai and Nairo, in South Sakahlén, whose deposits are estimated at about 100,000,000 metric tons.

Mr. Takeshi Ono, vice-president of the Japan Electric Power Supply Company, will become the president of the new company.—Domei.

NEWSPAPERS REST

London, Dec. 21. In spite of the war, the overworked newspapers in London are to take a holiday over Christmas. They will remain closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

For 48 hours the British public will have to be content with the B.B.C. and foreign broadcasts for its information on European hostilities.—Reuter Special.



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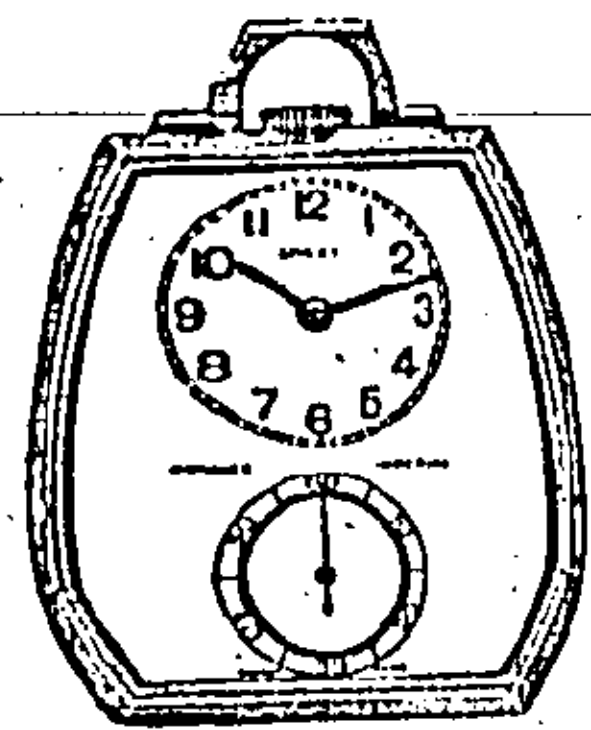
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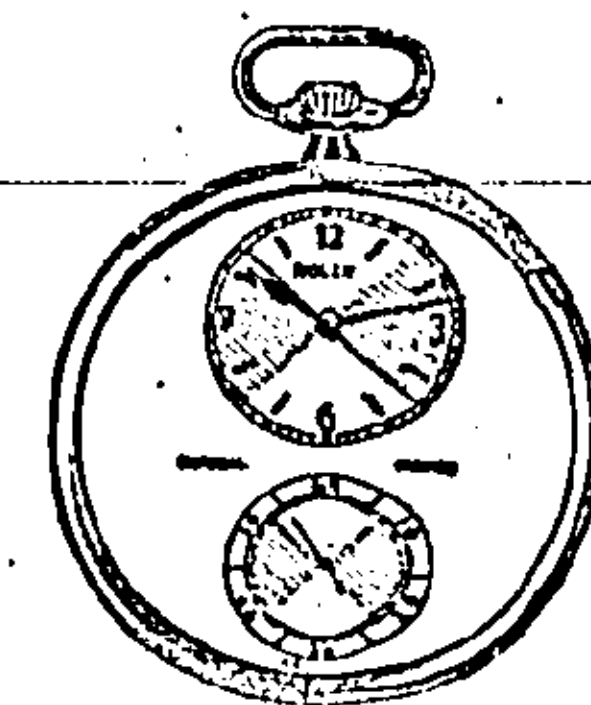
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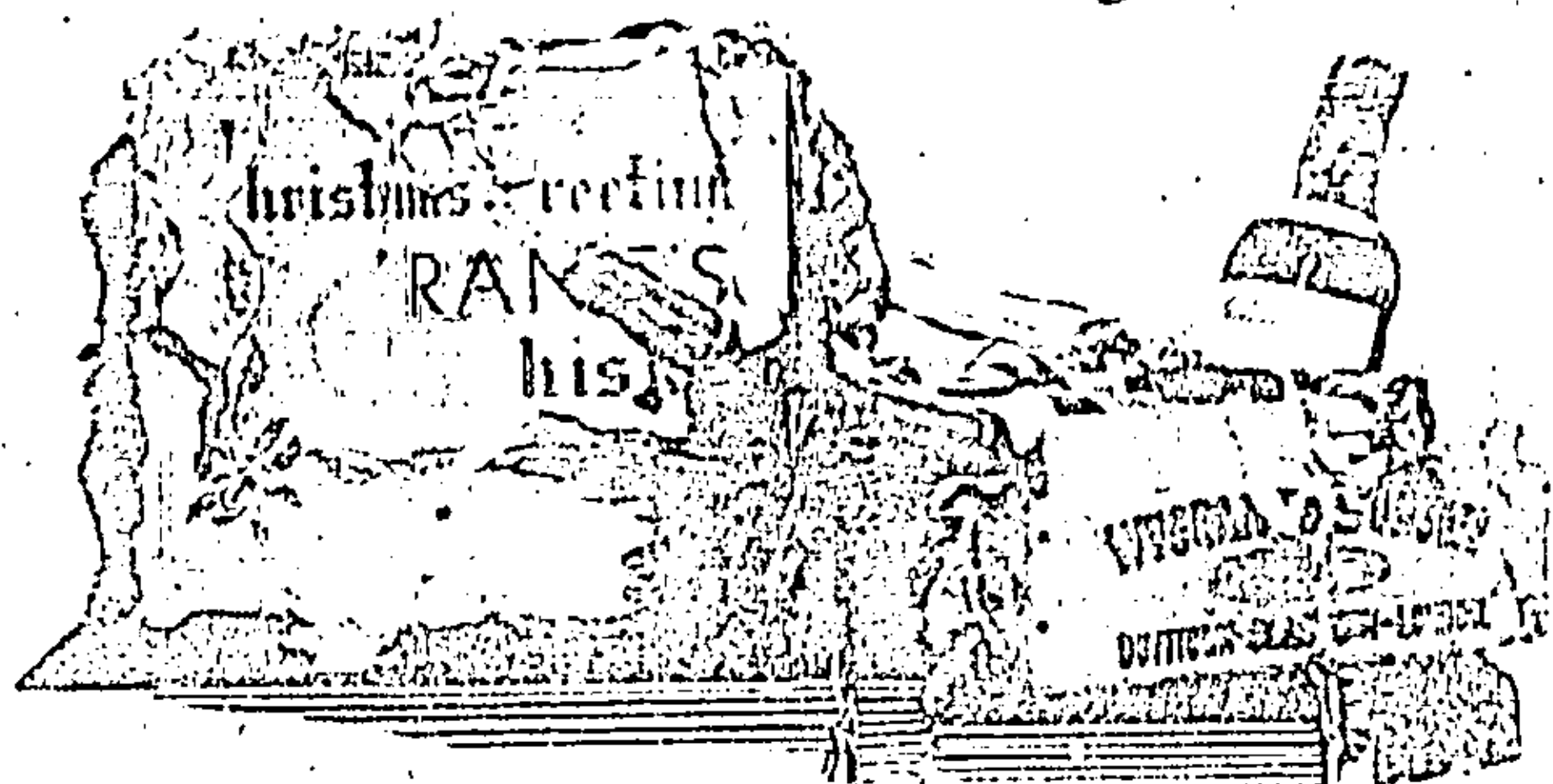
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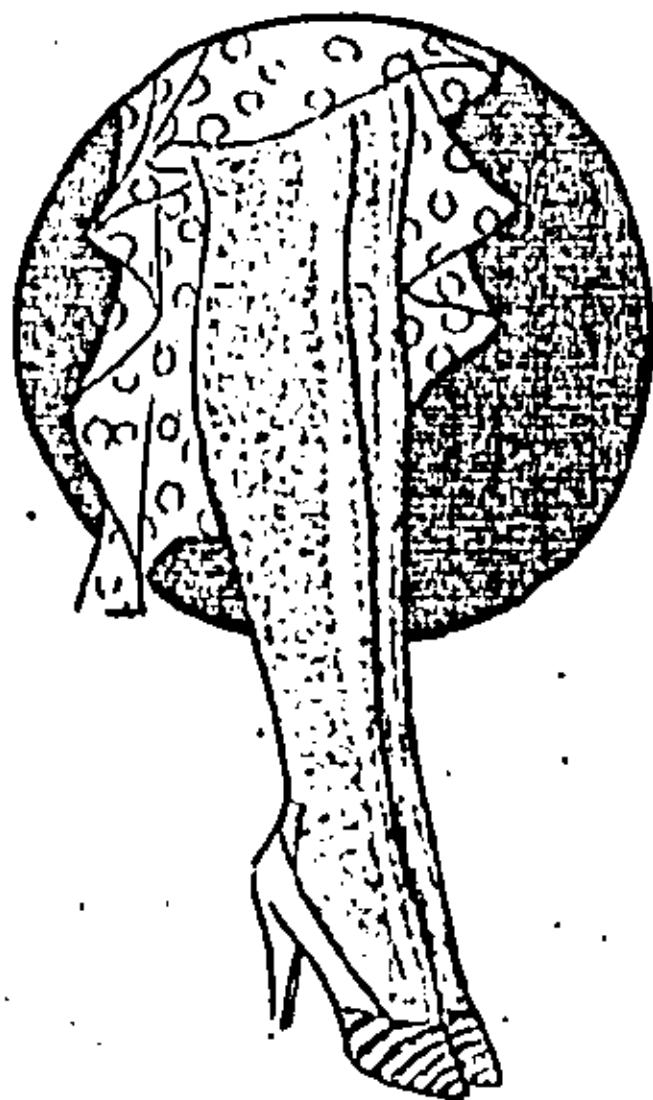


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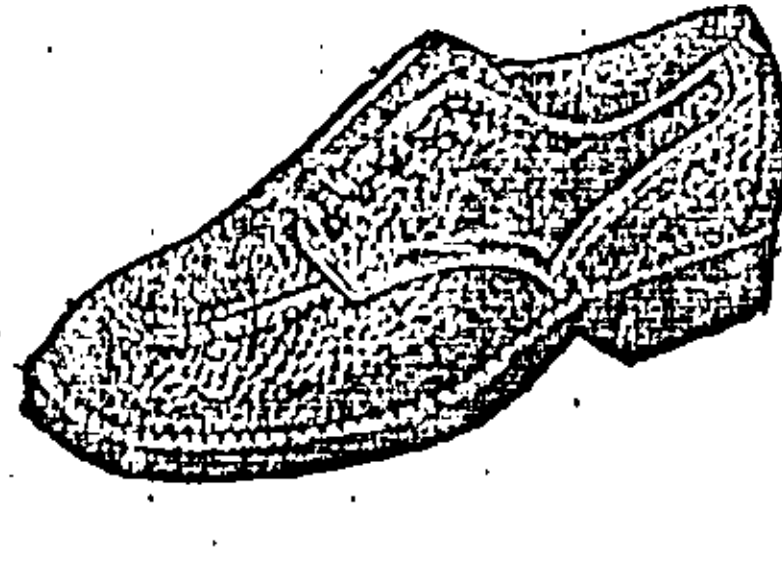
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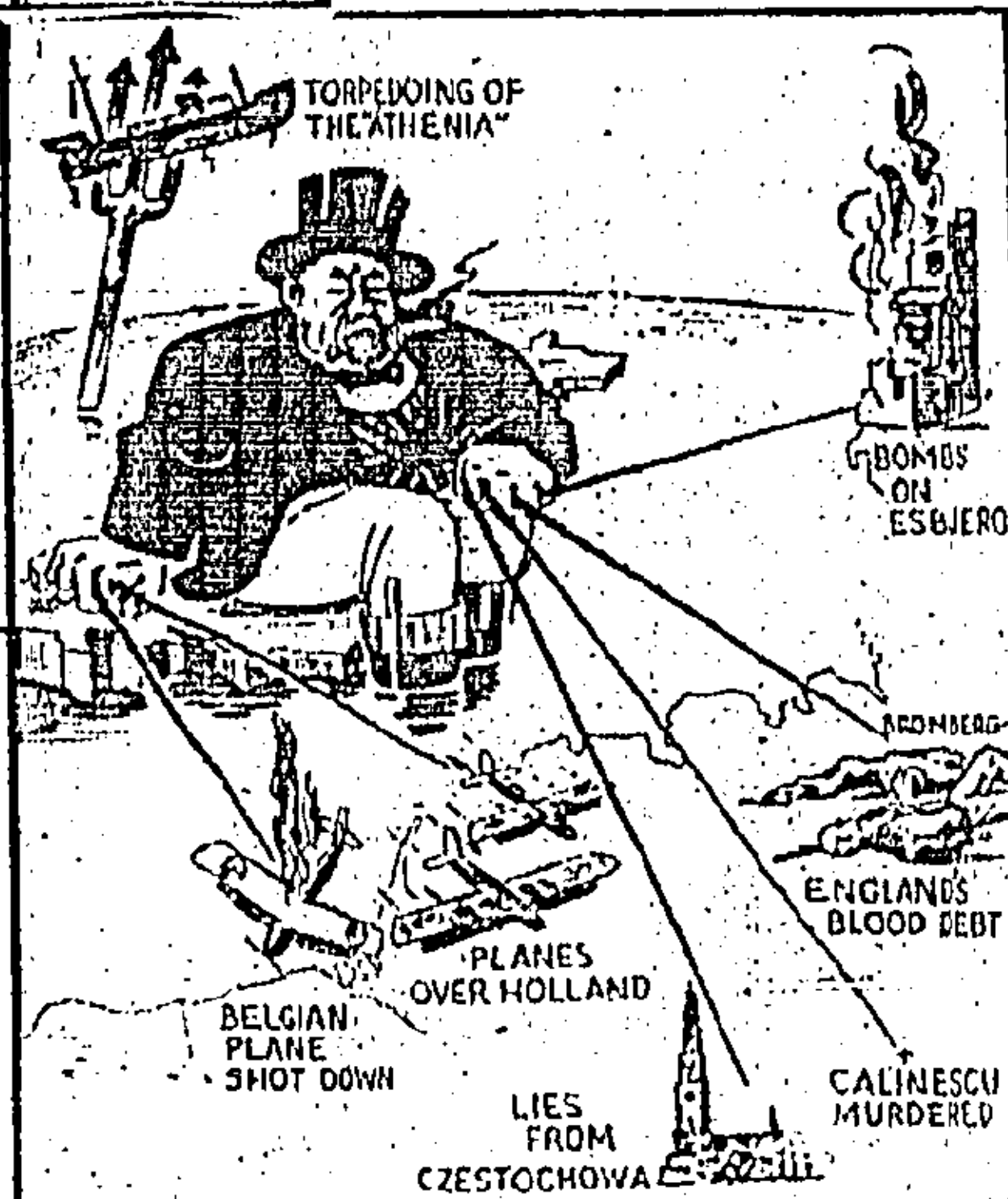
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JOHN BULL IN NAZI EYES

A NAZI propaganda booklet bitterly attacking Britain has been received by thousands of people in Holland. Above is a reproduction of the cover, bearing the words "That is England: World rule through Blood and Gold." On the right is a cartoon taken from the book (with the German words altered into English). Beneath the cartoon are the words, "This is how England fights: England's weapons are—lies, atrocious propaganda, breaches of neutrality and murder."



Lord Haw-Haw Catches Cold

LORD HAW-HAW, of Germany's Radio Zeeman, has developed a nasty cold in the nose, writes Jonah Harrington. But that does not stop him being hurt, pained, indignant about the British blockade. "Lissen, Bridden," he sniffs. "Why don't you rebuke this blockade? There is nothing but a humane or chivalrous about it." In a furious attack upon "Mr. Whistone Churchill" he tells a fairly tale about "the large number of British ships being severely damaged"—and ex-Lord Haw-Haw tells the superiority of the "German airplades."



Forced To Sleep Handcuffed

BECAUSE somebody at Holborn Empire, London, lost a key, John Oxford, actor villain of "Young England," awakened at dawn one day recently so that a policeman could release him from handcuffs in which he had slept the night.

In the last scene of the play the handcuffs are clapped on him as he is led off the stage under arrest. Then they are unlocked in time for Mr. Oxford to take the curtain.

But at the crucial moment on Friday night the key had vanished—and Mr. Oxford had to go home handcuffed.

"The taxi driver almost refused to take me," he said. "He apparently wanted to drive me to the nearest police station."

"My policeman friend was on duty so I went to bed till he arrived."

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SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

SHE MARRIED A DYING MAN

WHEELED to the altar on a stretcher 16 days before to be married to a girl he had known since his schooldays, Petty Officer William McLoughlin, of the Royal Navy, whose home was in Darlington, has died in hospital. At the time of the ceremony doctors knew that the bride-

groom would not live a month. But they did not tell.

Petty Officer McLoughlin, who was aged 23, had served in the Royal Navy four years. He became engaged to Miss Muriel Edith Winterlood, of Clapham-park, S.W.

They had met years before when Miss Winterlood lived with her parents in Darlington.

While in Egypt McLoughlin contracted a disease which affected his heart.

Miss Winterlood decided that the wedding should take place on the day which they had arranged.

McLoughlin was wheeled into the chapel of the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar, near Gosport.

The hospital chapel had been decorated by the admiral's wife, and naval men and nurses watched the ceremony.

Surgeon Commander W. Mussen gave away the bride, and after the ceremony the bridegroom returned to the ward where he had lain for 13 weeks.

Mrs. McLoughlin spent most of her time by her husband's bedside up to the time of his death.

AMERICA PREPARES

Washington, Dec. 21. The War Secretary Mr. Harry Woodring, broadcasting on national security and moral rearmament, declared that the ever-widening circle of conflict now raging in Europe represented the greatest potential threat to American peace and security. Wars, like forest fires, are wont to spread from small beginnings. Security does not rest alone on the size of the nation's armament.

"My first duty is to see the United States Army is prepared to meet any threat of aggression. I am also vitally interested in the economic structure of the nation and the moral fibre of the nation."

Asking why nations failed to settle disputes round the council table, Mr. Woodring continued: "No wars, however just, can end wars. Wars only weaken and consume civilisation. In Europe the ordinary diplomatic contacts are dwindling and there is an increasing need for a common meeting ground between nations. There is growing up throughout the world in recent months a vigorous body of opinion upholding that the future of civilisation can only be secured on the foundation of honesty and faith, and which regards it a matter of honour not only to fulfil present pledges but also to admit and rectify past mistakes. American peace and security rests on the ability of the people to make America strong militarily, economically, morally and spiritually. The fight for moral rearmament gives the hope of war that can really end war."—Reuter.

Big British Purchase

Washington, Dec. 21.

According to the Washington Post, British interests have offered to buy American lumber valued at between £2,750,000 and £7,500,000, also 10 old ships for carrying lumber and cotton.

The paper adds that the deal depends on official approval for the sale of the ships.—Reuter. Special.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Geneva, Dec. 21.

Some 140 officials of the League Secretariat were dismissed yesterday. With 80 others recalled by their respective countries for military service, the staff has been reduced by 220 since the war.—Reuter.

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Centre Forward and Emergency Call are making their debut over the slicks, but I am afraid they are still green. The issue should be fought

The order of the finish in the Brisbane Handicap run at the closing of the season was Cape York, Sea

On the strength of his good performance at Happy Valley last Saturday, Piet Hein has been set to carry 7 lbs. penally over the scale weight, and I see The Leopard is in the same boat. I cannot understand why the latter should receive such treatment for doing nothing in the first section of the "D" class company.

Eslover knows every corner of the Kewnet course, and Mr. Stanton's candidate is nicely weighted. Put some of your Xmas bonus on this grey gelding. Golden Cow has come

SEVERAL SPEEDY ENTRIES

IF my memory serves, I think the starting post of five furlongs is in the dip and the last event, the Happy Valley Handicap for "E" class China ponies, is over this course. We shall not be able to see the start, but a line scramble is assured because several special merchants—William Marshall, Headon, Heriot, High Tower, Lucky Eleven, March Brown and Palmer in the contest. The last named owned by Miss Louisa Featon is my pick.

Another question brought up was the unfairness of first class referees given third division matches to referee, while others are put on the lines. It was suggested that first and second class referees should divide first and second division matches between them, while the third class referees should be put on third division matches or on the lines.

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NANCY



TO FIGHT TYPHUS IN FINLAND

Roosevelt Appoints Two Experts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—President Roosevelt has ordered two United States Public Health experts to direct and aid in the fight against typhus in Finland.

He has directed Senior Surgeon H. A. Spencer who is in Paris, and Senior Surgeon Vance B. Murray, who is in Berlin to proceed to Finland and to co-operate with the American Red Cross.

Years Of Experience

Both men are experts in the prevention treatment of typhus. Dr. Spencer has had 20 years of experience both here and in Europe, while Dr. Murray has had long experience in the Philippines and Japan. He also directed the Quarantine Stations at Shanghai, Alaska and at South American ports.

Robbery On Roof-Top Is Alleged

Charged with robbing Wong Hoi of \$114, a gold finger ring and a wrist watch on the roof of a house in Thomson Road, Wanchai, on December 17, six men, Chan Tong, 26, Li Kim-ching, 22, Li Hon-cho, 36, Chan Shu-yun, 19, Lau Hung, 23 and Lo Ki-leung, 22, all unemployed, appeared before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Lo Ki-leung was additionally charged with having counselled, procured or commanded the others to rob Wong.

Det. Sub-Ins. Darlin asked for a remand until to-morrow, saying there were further enquiries to be made. The case would be for commitment to the Sessions.

Defendants were remanded.

MORE FLOATING MINES SIGHTED

More floating mines have been sighted within the Colony waters.

Sub-Lt. L. P. Ralph, R.N.V.F., reported yesterday that he saw two mines on the shore of Lantau Island opposite Adamaster Light. One was partially submerged to the north of Tai Pak Tsui.

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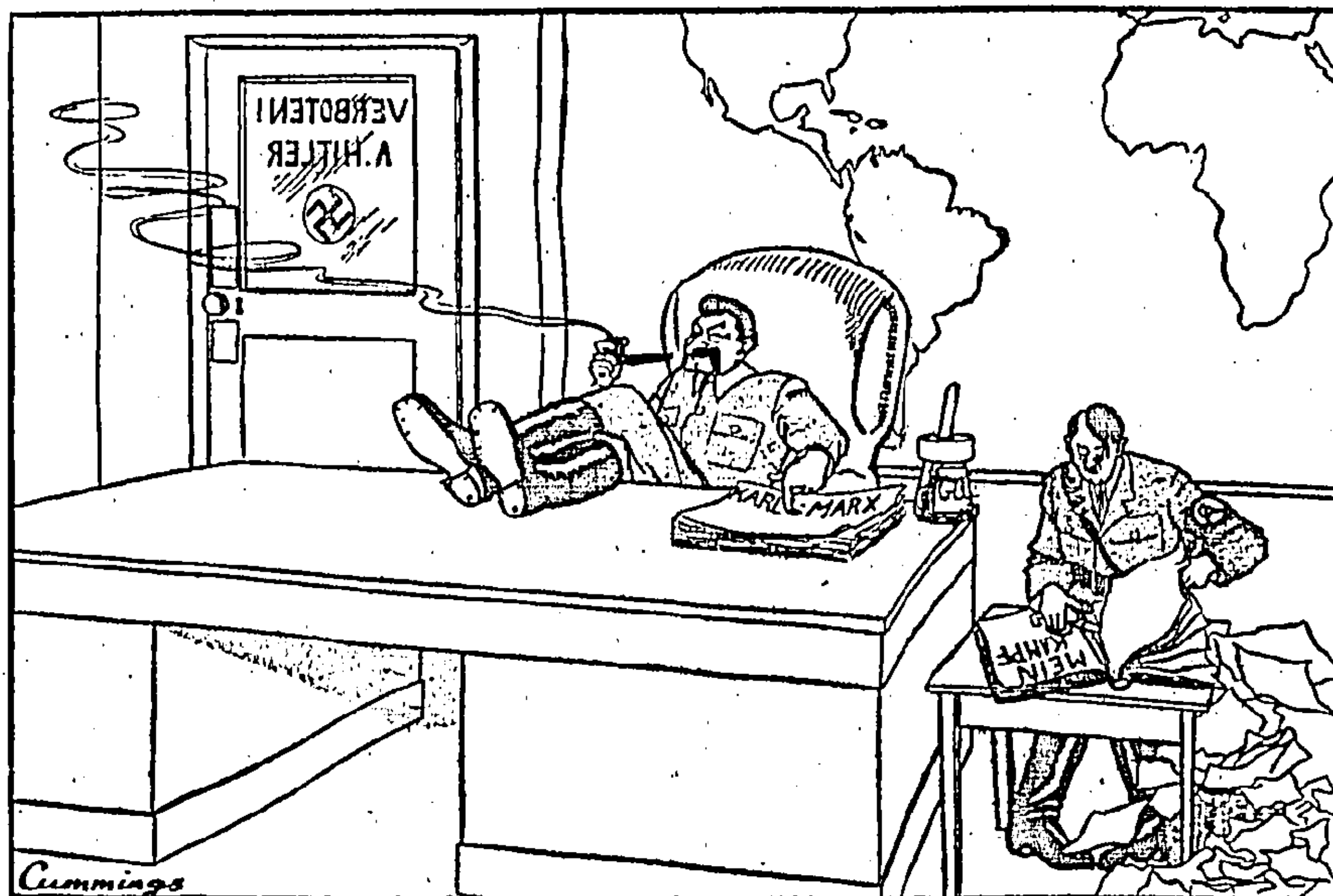
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Revising for the New Edition



Remarkable Revelations Of Nazi War Guilt In Yellow Paper

PARIS, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—An official Yellow Book dealing with international events from the end of September, 1938, to the beginning of the war was published to-day.

New Year's Day Parade

Chungking To Stage Demonstration

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—A mass athletic parade will be the feature of the New Year's Day celebrations in Chungking.

The parade will be in eight groups.

The first will be the army, comprising infantry, artillery and Tank Corps units; the second, Labour, with the Fire Brigade, First Aid and Farming detachments; the third, Boy Scouts; the fourth, Chinese boxing; fifth, groups depicting track and field events; sixth, games, including soccer, basketball, baseball and tennis; seventh, riding, cycling, motor-cycling and archery; eighth, miscellaneous groups, including representatives of skating, swimming and other organisations.

There will also be aerial displays.

Disappointed Germans To Be Sent From South Tyrol To Poland

French Peace Efforts

The book emphasises the unceasing efforts of French diplomacy for peace and to warn Germany of the risks of the German policy.

The preface consists of a list of a number of German pledges all subsequently broken.

This was headed "Words of Honour."

The book also describes the French peace efforts and describes later also how the French Ambassador, M. Coulondre, on February 25, 1939, Hitler his word of honour as a soldier that France would come to Poland's aid if attacked.

Hitler's Refusal

Later M. Coulondre brought Hitler a personal letter from M. Daladier and in the course of a remarkable interview attempted to persuade Hitler to accept a peaceful settlement in Poland.

Rapprochement Anticipated

One of the most interesting documents is the report of M. Coulondre on May 7, revealing the prospect of a Russo-German understanding, the report says:

"If the Fuehrer's intention is really to attempt a rapprochement with the Soviet, there is the question of how he intends to exploit this new policy."

"In my view, he may be getting advantages in this different way. Firstly, by concluding with the Soviet a more or less tacit entente which assures him either the benevolent neutrality of Russia in the event of a conflict, or even its complicity in the partition of Poland."

"Secondly, by exercising, by the mere threat of rapprochement, pressure at the same time on Japan and Poland. It was intended to induce the former to sign a military alliance and the latter to agree to the concessions demanded."

Diplomatic Manoeuvre

"Thirdly, by inducing the Western Powers, threatened with German and Russian collusion, to accept certain Soviet demands to which Poland and Rumania would be opposed and thus pull the Allies' hand."

Declaring it uncertain whether Hitler was planning a real understanding with the Soviet or merely a diplomatic manoeuvre, M. Coulond

Disappointed Germans To Be Sent From South Tyrol To Poland

Italian Offer To Nazis

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The Germans who are being repatriated from South Tyrol are reported to be bitterly disappointed at the news that most of them are to be sent to German-occupied Poland.

This information was given to a number of repatriates on their arrival at Innsbruck to-day by the local Nazi chief.

North Tyrol, he told them, will be available only for a small number of South Tyroleans.

Rome Offer To Nazis

ROME, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Germans living at Bolzano and North Italy are offered the choice of German citizenship and repatriation, or continued Italian citizenship under an Italo-German agreement, the text of which is published to-day.

They must choose before December 31.

Different coloured voting papers are being issued, white for Italy and yellow for Germany.

The agreement was signed by Herr Himmler for Germany and Signor Guidi, Under-Secretary for the Interior, for Italy.

DOCKERS CHEER THE URSULA

Gallant Men Given Special Leave

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Dockyard workers cheered and naval ratings lined the rails of a submarine supply ship to give a tremendous welcome to the submarine, Ursula, when she sailed into harbour after her great feat of sinking a German cruiser of the Kohn class at the mouth of the River Elbe.

After the Ursula had docked and the bearded members of her crew had posed for newsreel cameramen, the news came that all had been granted special Christmas leave in recognition of their service.

Within a few hours, all had caught trains to their homes.

dre said that he was inclined to support the latter hypothesis because in his own view and that of his party, it was difficult for Hitler to enter a collusion with the Soviet while completely neglecting the fact that not only his internal policy but also the National Socialists' policy was built up upon anti-Bolshevik ideology.

DRAMATIC RESCUE

Swedes Saved In Ocean Gale

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The story of how co-operation between British planes and a destroyer saved six survivors of a torpedoed Swedish ship in the North Sea was told in London to-day.

An R.A.F. plane on coastal patrol sighted a small craft with six Swedes on it. It immediately signalled the news to its base and another plane was sent out to keep in contact with the raft.

The Admiralty meanwhile sent out a destroyer.

Thanks to a fierce gale blowing at the time, the raft was driven far from its original position and the rescue plane had to carry out a wide search for it.

Guided by flares, the destroyer picked the men up after steaming full speed for 100 miles or so.

Vivid B.B.C. Broadcast

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A vivid picture of the horrors of the present Nazi air campaign against defenceless fishing craft in the North Sea was given by the master of one trawler in a BBC broadcast to-day.

While homeward bound about 11 o'clock on Monday morning, he said, they were attacked by a number of Nazi aeroplanes, which suddenly swooped down on them from a low altitude without any warning.

Not far off was another trawler which was also attacked.

In addition to machine-gun fire, bombs were dropped, but the master of the trawler steered a zig-zag course so effectively that 15 bombs dropped before one made a direct hit on the forecastle, killing two men outright and wounding a third.

Continued To Attack

The trawler stopped, and the master ordered out the boat, one of the crew signalling to the planes that they were abandoning the ship.

The Nazis continued to attack until they had sunk the other trawler when they made off.

Although the first trawler was badly damaged, she was still afloat, and the master called volunteers to try and get the vessel back to port.

All the crew, including the wounded man, volunteered.

At this juncture a third trawler arrived, but as the master of the first trawler could see survivors from the sunken trawler in the water, he asked the third trawler to rescue them.

Two more trawlers then arrived and took the boat into tow.

Zig-Zag Course Saved Boat

"I am convinced that the zig-zag course saved us from total destruction," he went on. "They tried to kill us. Our wireless was out of action and we had no means of calling for help. That attack lasted for half an hour."

The master of the trawler gave his talk in a calm, unexcited voice, but his voice shook with suppressed emotion as he concluded: "If that is supposed to be modern warfare, I call it ruthless cold-blooded murder!"

Another Trawler Bombed

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—A further case of German airmen attacking defenceless trawlers is related by fishermen of the trawler, Derham.

The vessel, with another trawler, Pearl, were fishing close to each other when three German bombers swooped down.

The first bombed the Derham unsuccessfully and then hit the Pearl amidships causing much damage.

As the crew were preparing to launch a small boat, the German planes turned and attacked with machine-guns killing one man who was hit by eight bullets, and injuring two others.

The bombers then made off.

The Derham took aboard the survivors.

Two Neutral Ships Sunk

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—Two more vessels were mined and sunk off the Dutch coast, namely the 3,985-ton Italian steamer, Comitas, bound for Antwerp, whose crew are in boats making for the Dutch coast, and the Swedish ship, Vega, 1,700 tons, whose crew have arrived at Hull.

Several were wounded.

Huge Bacon Orders For Canada

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

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CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DEC. 24

DINNER - - - - \$3.00

Fruit Cocktail
Clear Turtle Soup
Poached Salmon, Sauce Hollandaise
Lamb Chop
Baked York Ham, Champagne Sauce
Roast Turkey, Chestnut Dressing
Potatoes Parisienne
Green Peas
Iced Asparagus, Mayonnaise Sauce
Christmas Pudding
Mince Pie
Assorted Nuts
Fruit
Tea or Coffee

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DEC. 25

TIFFIN - - - - \$3.00

Cream of Tomato
Fried Sole, Tartare Sauce
Quail on Toast
Larded Fillet Steak, Mushroom Sauce
Roast Sucking Pig, Apple Dressing
French Fried Potatoes
Cauliflower Saute
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce
Christmas Cake
Assorted Nuts
Fruit
Tea or Coffee

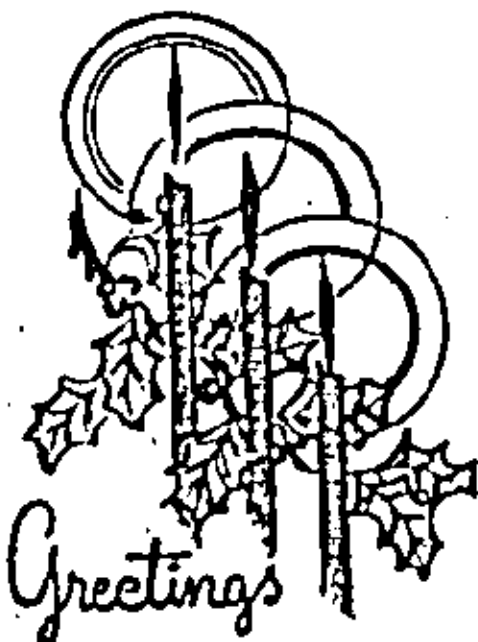
DINNER - - - - \$3.00

Shrimp Cocktail
Cream of Celery
Fried Fillet of Sole, Tomato Sauce
Veal Steak
Lamb Cutlet, Parsmentier
Roast Stuffed Turkey, Cranberry Sauce
Potatoes London House
French Beans
Iced Asparagus, 1000 Island Dressing
Christmas Pudding
Mince Pie
Assorted Nuts
Fruit
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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-
cession.
12.30 Sam. Browne (Vocal) and
Jack Jackson and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather
Report.

1.03 Haydn—Symphony No. 101 in
D Minor ("The Clock"). Philhar-
monic-Symphony Orchestra of New
York conducted by Toscanini.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 Variety with Hildegarde, The
Billies and Others.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Brahms' Waltzes, Op. 39.
Anatole Kltain at the Piano.

6.13 Brahms—Symphony No. 4 in
E Minor, Op. 98. Felix Weingartner
conducting the London Symphony
Orchestra.

6.52 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.54 Selections from "La Traviata."
"Les Francs Juges," "La Gioconda,"
"The Pearl Fishers," "Un Ballo in
Maschera."

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Jazz-Piano Recital by
Hal Lorenzo.

8.20 Al Hollington at the Organ.

8.33 Dance Music.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent
Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.30 London Relay—"World Af-
fairs."

9.45 "Band Waggon." With Arthur
Askey, Richard Murdoch and Com-
pany.

10.07 Dance Music.

10.30 London Relay—"Hail Pan-
tomime." Extracts from coming Pan-
tomines from all over England.

11.00 Close Down.

HONOUR FOR STALIN

Moscow, Dec. 21.
The Presidium of the Supreme
Court has conferred on Stalin on the
occasion of his 60th birthday the
Order of Lenin, the highest award
in the Soviet Union, and the title
"Hero of Socialist Labour."—Reuter.

Resignation Demand

Japanese Cabinet Loses Nation's Confidence

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
The Jikyoku Doshikai, a small
independent political group, includ-
ing a few insurgent members of the
Diet, passed a resolution demanding
the resignation of the Cabinet on the
grounds of its vacillating policy re-
sulting in the loss of the nation's
confidence.—United Press.

Settlement Wanted

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
Over 600 influential figures of
political, diplomatic and military
circles voluntarily meeting in Tokyo
today adopted a resolution encour-
aging the Government to redouble its
efforts for an effective settlement of
the China Affair.

The resolution urges the Govern-
ment:

To accomplish the final objective of
the crusade in China in accordance
with the solidly united resolution
of the nation;

To suppress all movements aiming
at co-operation with the Soviet
Union;

To prevent stealthy activities of
Communists;

To revise policies for internal re-
form;

To guard against excessive regards
for the United States or Great Britain.

Among the prominent movers of
the resolution were Mr. Hachiro
Arita, former Foreign Minister, Mr.
Matsumoto Kozumi, leader of the
Minseito Party and former Minister
of Communications, General Baron
Takashi Hishikari, former Com-
mander-in-Chief of the Kwantung
Army, and General Jinsaburo Ma-
zaki, former Inspector-General of
Military Education.—Domei.

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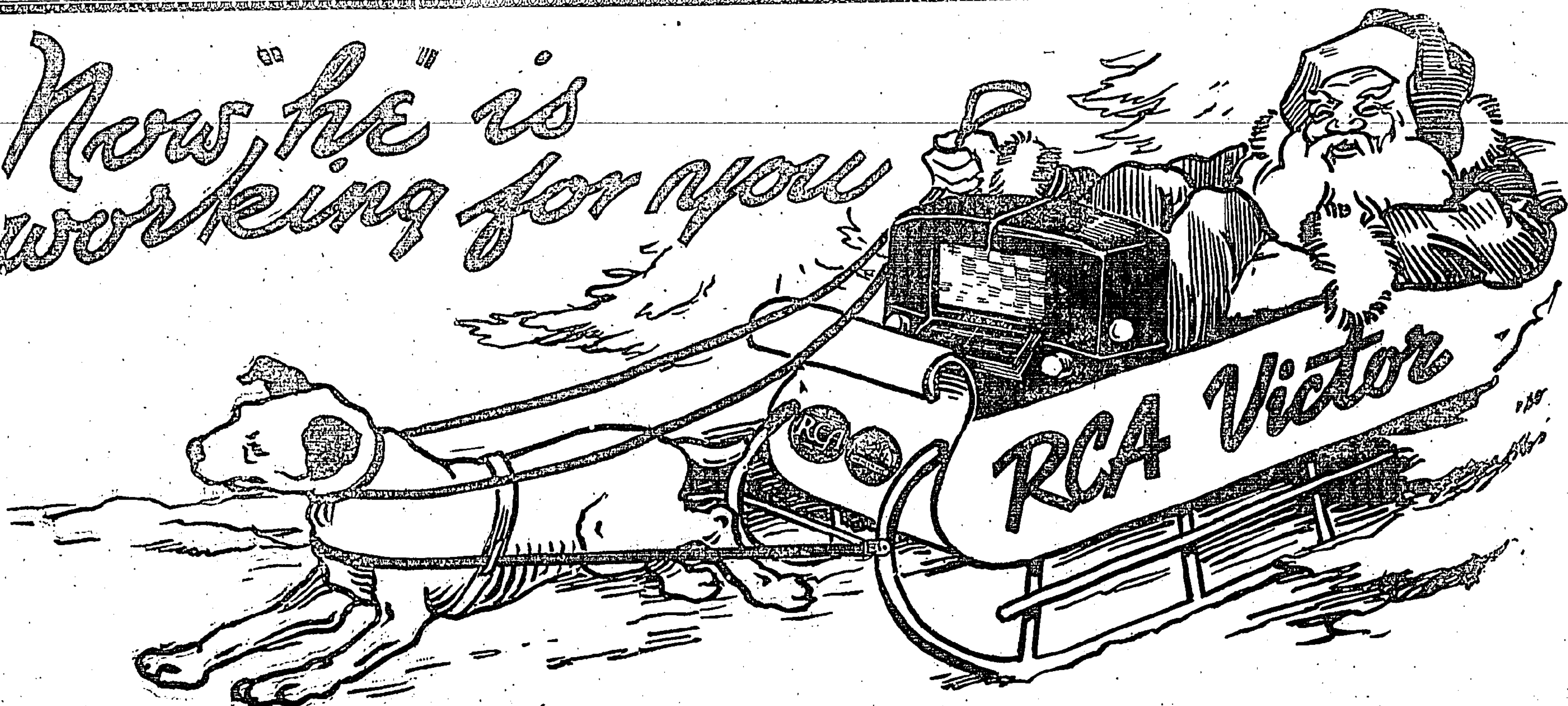
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ADMIRAL Sir Reginald Plunkett-Erle-Drax has relieved Admiral Sir Studholme Brownrigg as Commander-in-Chief of the Nore at Chatham, one of the most important naval commands.

Admiral Brownrigg, who is 58, had held the appointment since January. Previously Admiral Sir E. R. G. Evans ("Evans of the Broke") was in command from 1935.

Admiral Plunkett-Erle-Drax is 59. He headed the British Military Delegation to Moscow last summer.

Only Airman Admiral
He is the only admiral who has an air pilot's licence, and his favourite proverb is said to be "Fortune loves a daring sailor."

During the last war he was one of Lord Beatty's staff, and served in the battles of Heligoland, Dogger Bank, and Jutland. From 1935 to 1938 he was Commander-in-Chief of the Plymouth Station.

SERVICE OF CAROLS

Hongkong Union Church
On Sunday Night

Evening Service at the Hongkong Union Church on Sunday will take the form of a Christmas musical service of hymns and carols. There will be no address. Soloists include, Mrs. Doris Blair, Mrs. Helen Lockhart, Mrs. I. Moran (cello), Mr. Gaston d'Aquino and Mr. V. Sanders. Mr. Longyear will be at the organ.

Included in the programme are the solos, "O Leave your Sheep", "A Star of the East", "From Heart to Heart", "Cradle Song", "Crown of Roses", "Quarlettes", "Sussex Carol", "Holly and the Joy", "Nativity", "Cradle Song", "Our Brother is Born", "How Beautiful upon the Mountains", and "Peaceful Night; on the cello, "Berceuse" and "Caro, Mio Ben"; and on the organ, "The Question", and "The Answer".

Union Church offers a very cordial invitation to all who are interested to attend this service, which will take place at 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

A Christmas programme in scriptural reading and singing will be given by the Bethel Mission in the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, at 7 p.m. to-night. No charge for admission will be made.

21 Countries To Protest

Anglo-German Battle
In Neutral Zone

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, announced last evening that an agreement had been reached between the representatives of the 21 countries of the American continent concerning the nature of the protest to be sent to the belligerents as a sequel to the Graf Spee incident.

The perfecting of the final text is now proceeding, and it is expected that the note will be forwarded shortly.

The same note will be sent to Britain, France and Germany, and it is probable that it will be forwarded by the President of Panama. Any further action to be taken will also be subject to consultations.

AUTONOMY FOR DOMINICA

LONDON, Dec. 21 (British Wire- less).—An Order in Council made on December 20 under the provision of the Dominica Act of 1938 fixes January 1, 1940, as the appointed date for the transfer of Dominica from the colony of Leeward Islands and provides for its government from that date as a separate colony in the Windward Islands group.

A Commission was appointed some time ago by the Colonial Office to inquire into the question of a closer union between the Leeward and Windward Islands, and to ascertain whether a regrouping was desirable.

The Dominicans specially requested the transfer which is about to be given effect.

In the view of the Secretary of State, a change appears to be economically and racially suitable for Dominica and an Act of Parliament was passed to provide for the change.

Red Battleship Crippled, Unsunk

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The Soviet battleship, October Revolution, has been observed badly crippled and being towed by two Soviet destroyers.

TURKEY'S SYMPATHY

China's Resistance
To Aggression

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22 (Central).—Turkey has the profoundest sympathy for China's resistance to aggression, declared Mr. Elmali Sipahi, first Turkish Minister to China, in an interview with "Central News" upon his arrival here yesterday morning.

The Turkish envoy added that he personally has the greatest admiration for China's indomitable spirit in this war.

Regarding the outcome of the war, Mr. Sipahi said that China will undoubtedly emerge victorious. All Turks he stated, hope for China's final victory and rejuvenation, so that peace may be restored in the Far East.

Referring to Sino-Turkish relations, Mr. Sipahi said that they are more cordial than ever before. He feels himself greatly honoured to be the first Turkish Minister to China, and will do his best to better the relations between the two countries.

Gas, Electricity Rations Lifted

LONDON, Dec. 21 (British Wire- less).—It was announced to-day that the restrictions on consumers' use of coal gas and electricity have been suspended.

Since the "ration" was raised to 100 per cent. of last year's consumption, it has been found that a substantial economy is being practised by the public, and Government have decided, therefore, that in the present conditions it is not necessary for the restrictions to be retained.

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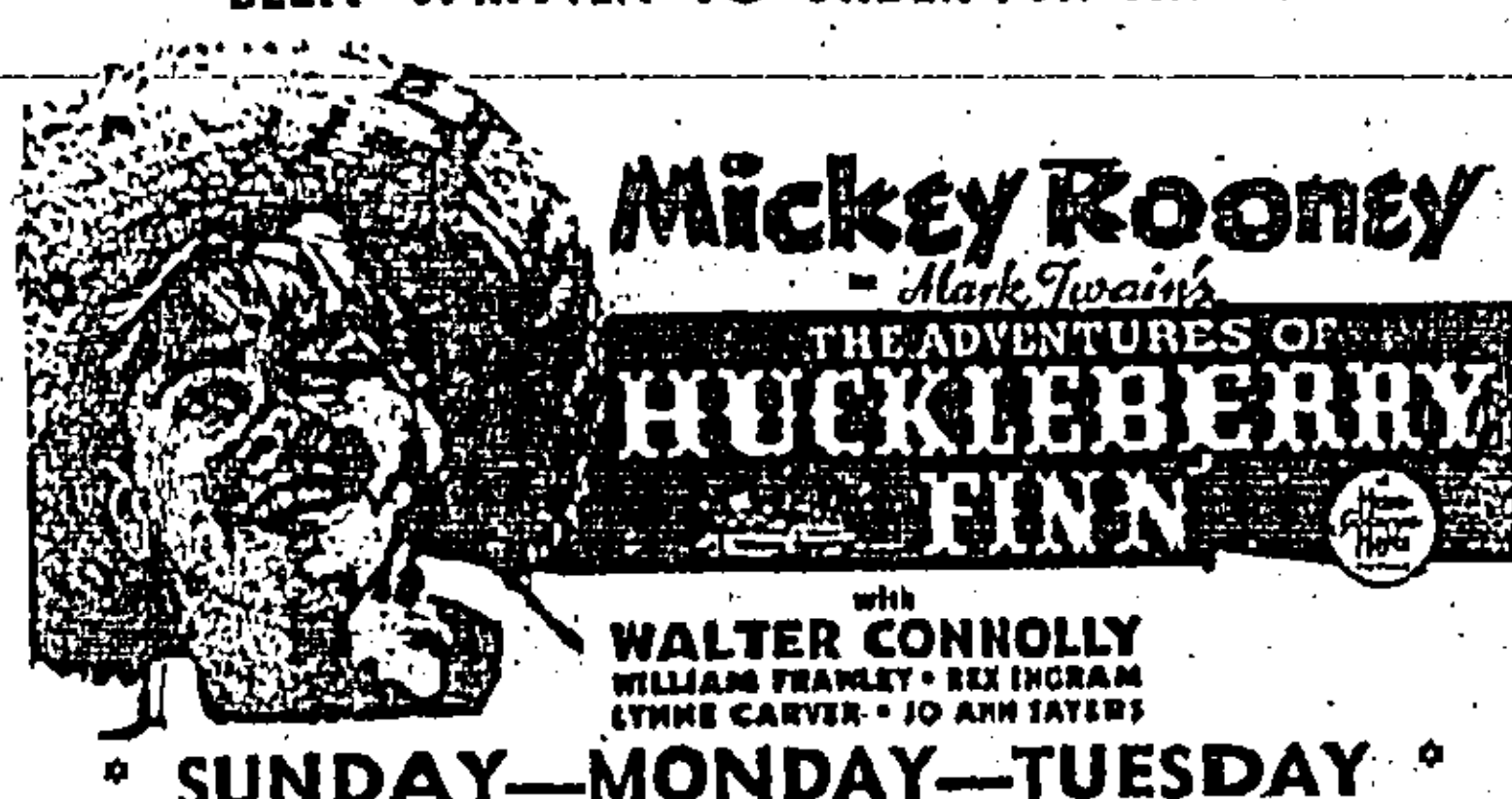
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Acting on behalf of an unnamed neutral government, the Mexican Foreign Minister has asked Britain and France to permit the shipment from Genoa to Mexico of 6,000 tons of refinery machinery.

In making this request, he said that the shipment would not constitute a war-time advantage for Germany as payment had already been made in petroleum.

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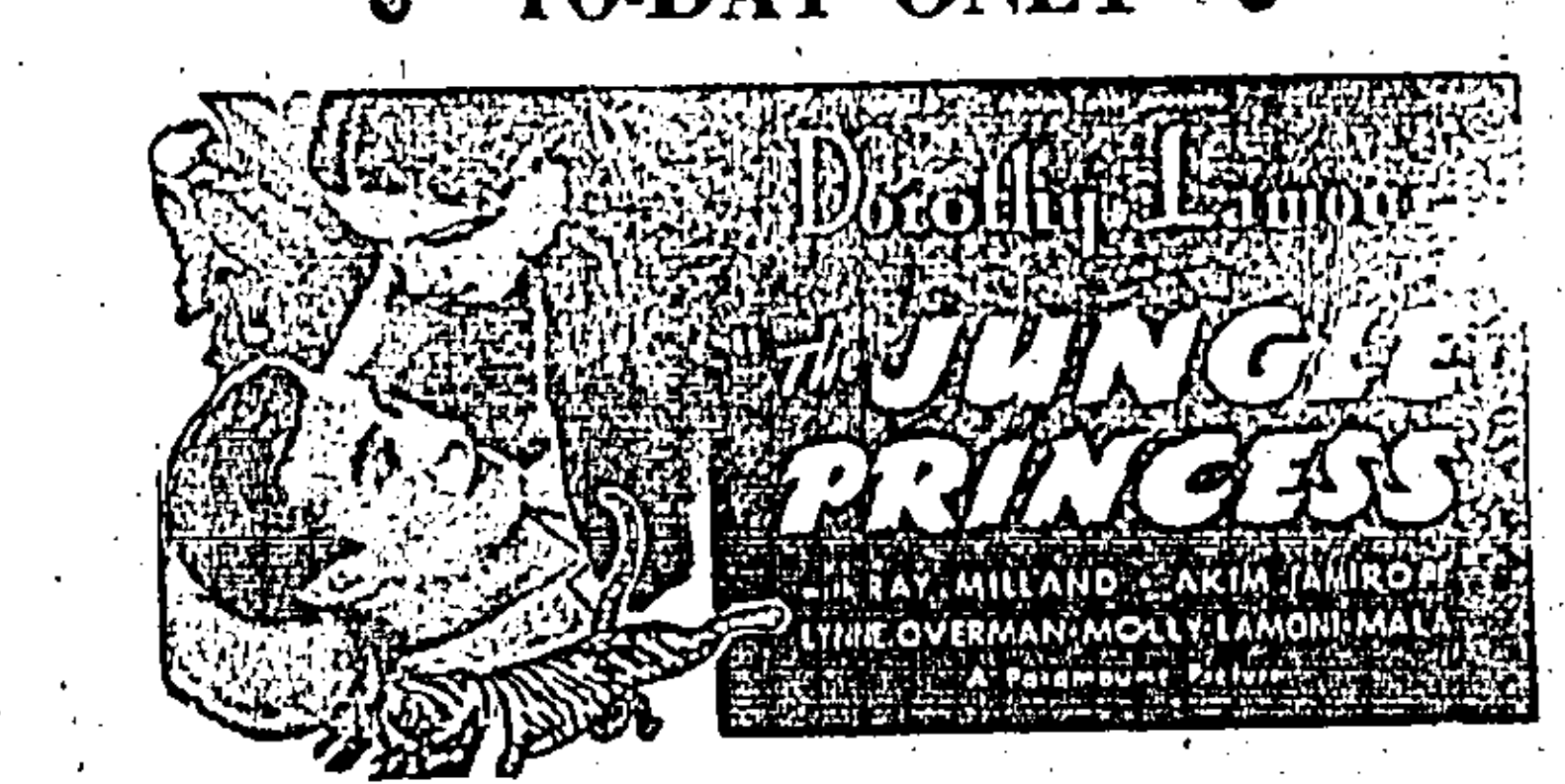
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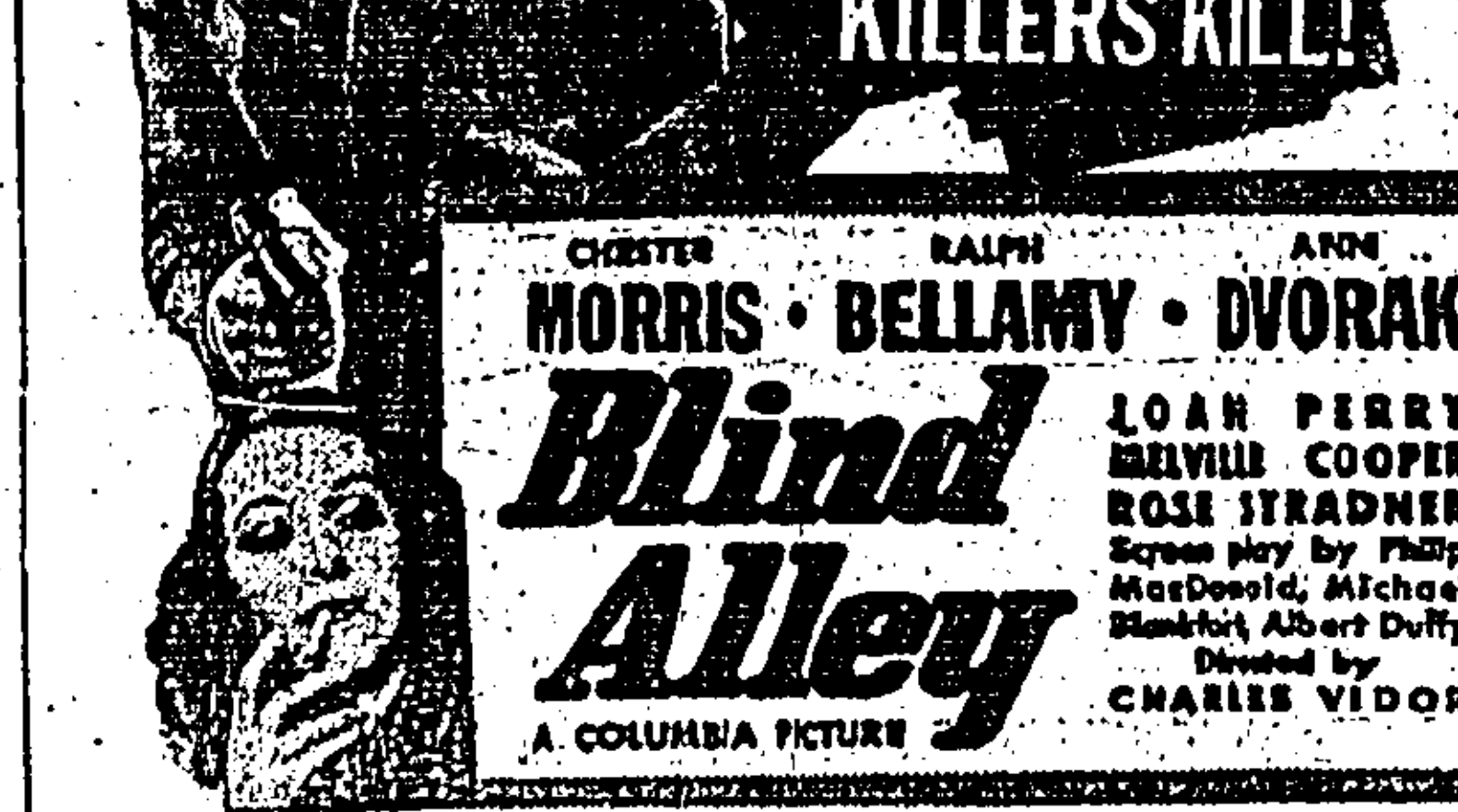
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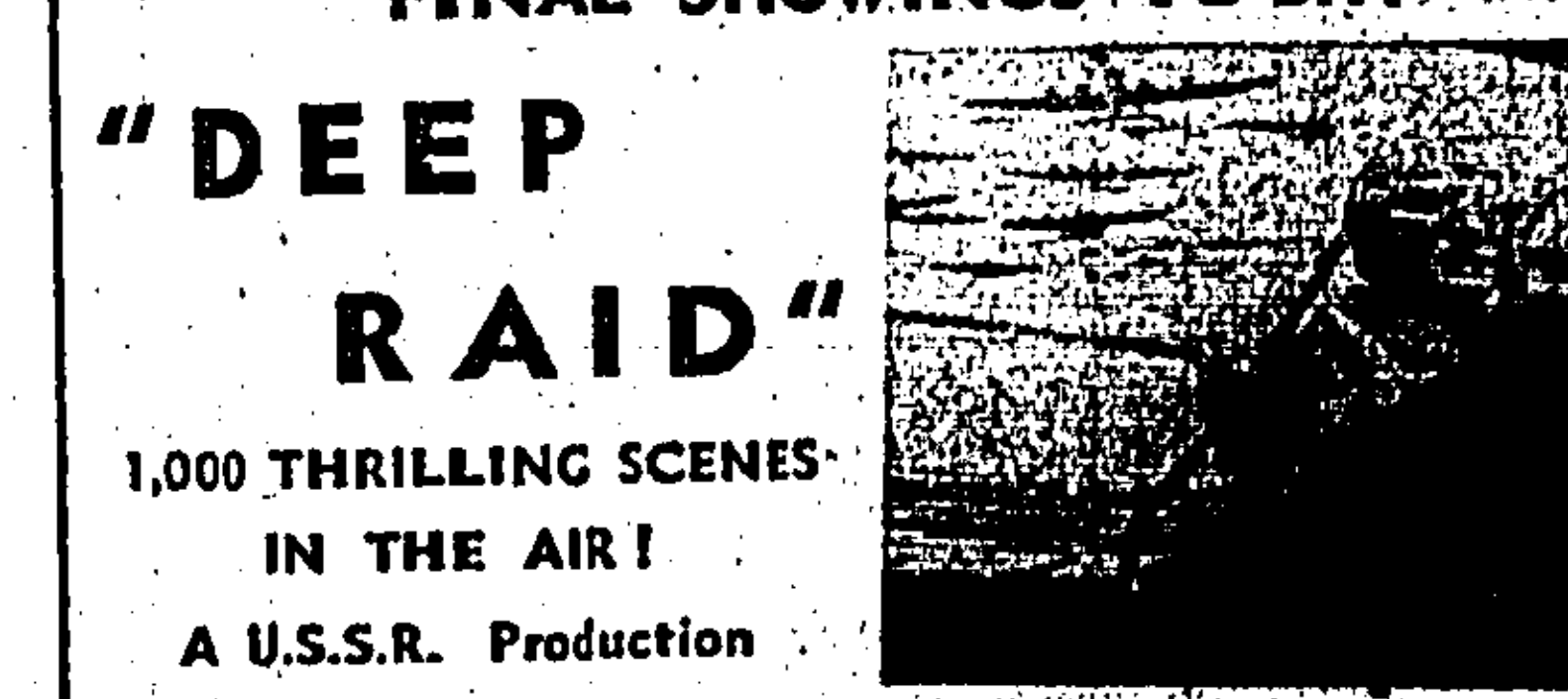
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